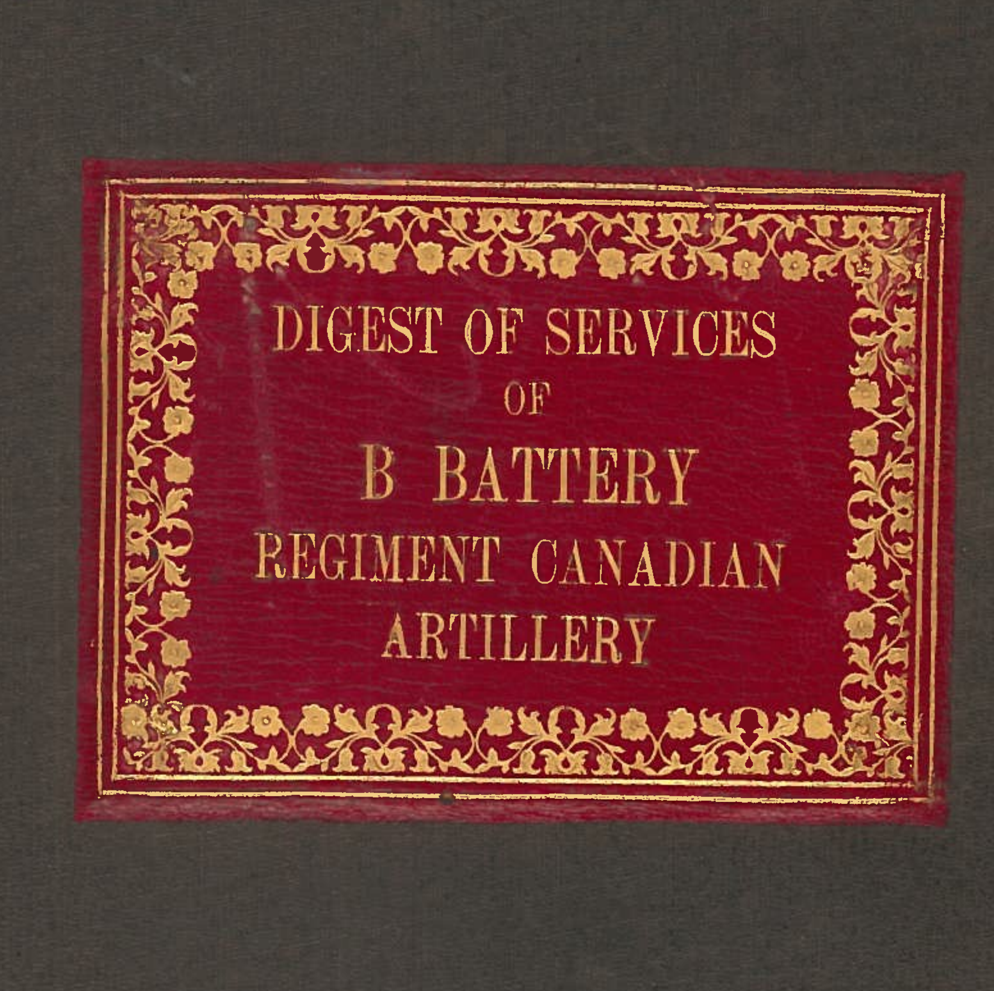
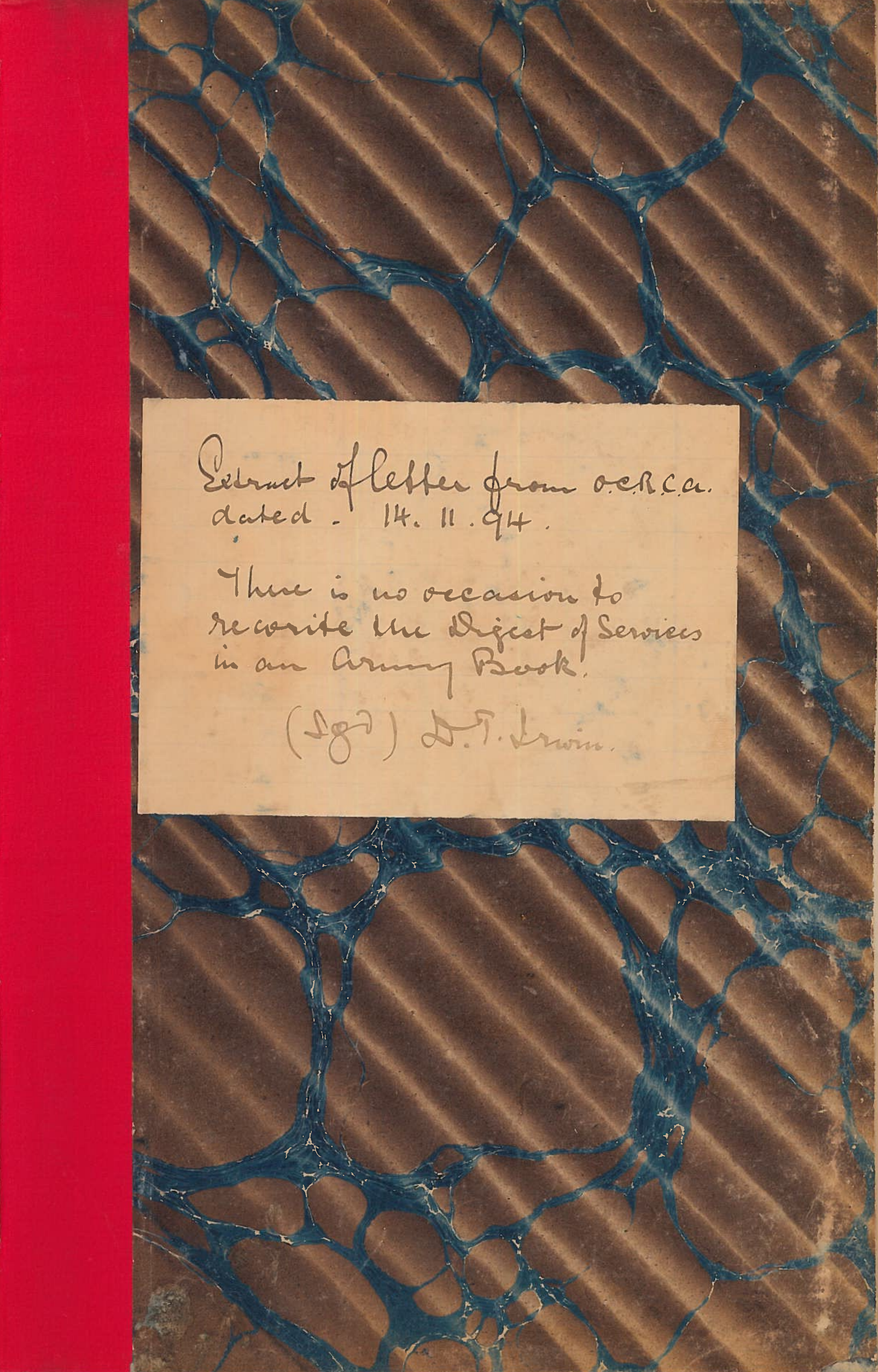

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(Sgd) D. T. Irwin.

# Digest of Services of "B" Battery, School of Gunnery, afterwards Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

1871.

Upon the withdrawal of the Imperial Troops from Quebec, an appropriation was sanctioned by Parliament for the pay and maintenance of two Batteries of Garrison Artillery, in order to provide for the care and maintenance of the Forts, Armament, &c handed over to the Dominion by the British Government.

These two Batteries were designated "A" and "B", "A" being stationed at Kingston, Ontario, and "B" at Quebec.

The following is the full text of the General Order organizing these Corps:-

Militia General Orders.

Head Quarters,

Ottawa, 20th October 1871.

General Orders. (24.)

No. 1. Batteries of Garrison Artillery.

An appropriation having been sanctioned by Parliament for the pay, maintenance and equipment of two Batteries of Garrison Artillery, in order to provide for the care and protection of the Forts, Magazines, Armament, and Warlike Stores, recently, or about to be handed over to the Dominion Government, in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, the formation of these Batteries is hereby authorized.

## No. 2. Schools of Gunnery.

It is further intended that these Batteries, in addition to performing Garrison duties, shall serve as practical Schools of Gunnery for the training of all ranks of the Militia Artillery, viz:- by instructing Gunners and Drivers and affording officers and non-commissioned officers opportunities of joining long or short courses of instruction as may best suit them individually.

## No. 3 School of Gunnery, Kingston.

A Battery, to be designated "A" Battery, will be formed by taking Volunteers from the existing Batteries of Field and Garrison Artillery in the Province of Ontario – the maximum strength of which is to be as follows :–

1. Captain.
3. Lieutenants.
1. Assistant Surgeon.
1. Battery Sergeant Major.
1. Laboratory Foreman.
1. Ordnance Armourer.
1. Master Gunner.
6 Sergeants.
4 Corporals.
4 Bombardiers.
3. Trumpeters.
110. Gunners.
8 Horses.– (for instruction in riding, driving, moving field and siege guns, and general purposes.)

"A" Battery will furnish a detachment of the following strength at Toronto:-

1. Lieutenant.
1. Sergeant.
1. Corporal.
1. Bombardier.
1. Trumpeter.
20. Gunners.

No. 4. School of Gunnery, Quebec.

A Battery, to be designated "B" Battery will be formed in a similar manner - from existing Batteries of Field and Garrison Artillery in the Province of Quebec - the maximum strength of which is to be as follows, (so long as the forts at Point Levis remain unarmed.)

1. Captain.
4. Lieutenants.
1. Assistant Surgeon.
1. Battery Sergeant Major.
1. Laboratory Foreman
1. Ordnance Armourer.
1. Master Gunner.
6. Sergeants.
6. Corporals.
4 Bombardiers.
3. Trumpeters.
130. Gunners.

8 Horses. - (for instruction in riding, driving, moving Field and siege guns, & general purposes.)

This Battery will furnish the following detachments until further orders:

For the Forts & Engineer Park at Point Levis.
1. Non-commissioned Officer.
10. Gunners.
For St. Helen's Island, Montreal.
1 Lieutenant.
1 Sergeant.
1 Corporal.
1 Bombardier.
1 Trumpeter.
20 Gunners.

## No. 5. Pay.

The rates of pay of Officers, non-commissioned officers and men of these Batteries to be as follows:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Captain | $2.82 | per diem. |
| Lieutenant | 1.58 | " |
| Assistant Surgeon | 2.43 | " |
| Battery Sergt. Major | 1.00 | " |
| Laboratory Foreman | 1.00 | " |
| Ordnance Armourer | 1.00 | " |
| Master Gunner | 1.00 | " |
| Sergeants | 0.80 | " |
| Corporals | 0.70 | " |
| Bombardiers | 0.60 | " |
| Trumpeters | 0.50 | " |
| Gunners | 0.50 | " |

The non-commissioned officers acting as Quarter-Master Sergeants, to receive 10 cents extra per diem; and the Officers acting as Adjutants 50 cents Extra per diem.

## No. 6. Ration and allowances.

In addition to the above rates of pay, Each officer, non-commissioned officer,

and man will receive a daily ration free of cost of 1 lb. of meat and 1 lb. of bread, together with barrack accomodation, and the usual quantity of fuel and light allowed in the regular army; and the Commandants of the Schools, in addition, forage for one horse.

No. 7. Selection of non-commissioned officers & men.

The non-commissioned officers and men to form "A" and "B" batteries will be selected from those belonging to the Militia Artillery of the Dominion who may voluntarily engage therein for twelve months' duty, (or for a longer period if they so desire, and it is found expedient in the interests of the public service to approve of the same,) they will be required however to re-enrol for three years further service in their own batteries from the date of their joining A and B batteries, and whilst serving with these latter, they will be returned as super-numeraries on the rolls of their respective Corps.

Men desirous of joining "A" and "B" batteries who are not enrolled members of any corps, or who belong to other than artillery corps of the active militia, may also, if approved, be appointed to A and B. Batteries, but they will be required in like manner to enrol for three years service in some Battery of Artillery of the Active Militia. Officers Commanding Militia Batteries, and other Corps are requested to afford every facility to men desirous of availing themselves of this privilege.

No. 8. Short course of Instruction.

On the formation of these Batteries, five officers and five non-commissioned officers, (previously recommended) will be directed to join each School of Gunnery for a short course of instruction, to last three months: on the termination of which the Commandants may select from these officers and non-commissioned officers, one or more of the most efficient and retain them for an additional course of nine months, or for a further period, should it be considered that the service would be benefited by affording them a full course of instruction.

Officers and non-commissioned officers, so selected, will receive instruction, in addition to Field and Garrison Artillery Exercises, in the mode of making rafts, military bridges, &c., pontooning, formation of Field works and Batteries, laying Gun and Mortar Platforms &c. &c.

Those officers and non-commissioned officers who, on conclusion of the "short course", are retained for the long course of instruction, will be taken on the strength of A and B. Batteries, and will then receive the pay of their ranks, with the usual allowances, but in no case is the Establishment of officers and non-commissioned officers of A and B. Batteries to be exceeded. On the termination of the first short course, similar short courses will be continued, from time to time, if found desirable, due notice of which will be announced in General Orders.

No. 9. Gunnery Certificates.

Those officers and non-commissioned officers leaving the School at the end of three months

will be entitled to first and second class Gunnery Certificates, provided they are found qualified; but in lieu of the gratuity of $50., hitherto granted on qualification at the Military Schools, each officer will be allowed $1. per diem, with quarters, fuel, light, and a daily ration of 1 lb. of meat and 1 lb. of bread. Non-commissioned officers, 50. cents per diem and similar allowances, during the time such officers or non-commissioned officers are actually attached for instruction to A and B Batteries.

No. 10. Regimental Messes.

All officers or non-commissioned officers belonging or attached for duty to A and B Batteries will be members of the Established Regimental Messes.

No. 11. Batteries on Actual Service.

The officers, non-commissioned officers and men belonging or attached to A and B Batteries will, for purposes of discipline, be held to be called out for active service with their respective Militia Corps, as provided for in section 64 of the Militia Act.

The Commandants of the Schools of Gunnery may reduce non-commissioned officers for misconduct, or inefficiency, and dismiss from the Schools, Gunners who, at any time by their conduct, character or from other causes, are not likely to benefit the service by their retention in such schools of Instruction.

No. 12. Misconduct, &c.

In the Event of any Officer misconducting himself, or being inattentive or neglectful of his duty, a special Report of the case will be made to the Adjutant General of Militia by the Commandant of the School.

No. 13. Returns from Military Districts.

Deputy Adjutants General of Military Districts in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec are requested to furnish forthwith returns of all officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Militia Artillery in their respective Districts, who may be desirous of joining these Batteries for Instruction. From these returns the required numbers will be selected. The Deputy Adjutants General will take care that all those non-commissioned officers and men whom they recommend are in good health, at least 5 ft. 6 inches in height, 34 inches round the chest, and that they belong to the 1st or 2nd class of Militiamen. On arrival at Head Quarters of A and B Batteries they will be Examined as to physical fitness, by the Medical Officers of the Batteries, for final approval.

No. 14. Dates of Joining School.

The Officers, non-commissioned Officers and men, selected from Military Districts in Ontario, will join at Kingston on the following dates:—

No. 4 Military District on November 1st 1871.
" 3 do. December 1st do.
" 2 do. January 1st 1872.
" 1 do. February 1st do.

Those in the Province of Quebec, as follows:—
Military District No. 7. On departure of

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| " 2 | do. | January 1st | 1872. |
| " 1 | do. | February 1st | do. |

Those in the Province of Quebec, as follows:- Military District No. 7. On departure of

Regular Troops from Quebec - the date of which will be hereafter notified.

Military District No. 6. - No Militia Artillery in this District.

Military District No. 5. - 15th December 1871 - but the non-commissioned officers of No. 5 District will be required to join on the departure of the Regular Troops.

No. 15. Non-commissioned officers and men, late Red River Battalion.

The non-commissioned officers and men of the late Red River Battalions, who have been retained at Kingston and St. Helen's Island, Montreal, with a view to their joining the Schools of Gunnery, will be distributed between A and B Batteries, under instructions from the Inspector of Artillery: and the Sergeant Gunnery Instructors at Montreal, Kingston and Toronto will be posted to A and B Batteries if they so desire, and they will cease to draw pay in their present capacities from 1st November next.

No. 16. Liable to duty in any part of Dominion.

All officers, non-commissioned officers and men belonging, or attached to A and B - Batteries will be liable to duty if required, in any part of the Dominion of Canada, for the whole or any portion of the period, they may be on the strength of these Batteries.

No. 17. Commandants of Schools.

Lt. Col: G. A. French, the Dominion Inspector of Artillery, will be the Commandant of the School of Gunnery at Kingston.

The instruction, drill, and discipline to be carried out under the supervision of that officer.

The Commandant of the School of Gunnery at Quebec will be an officer of the Royal Artillery, (to be nominated hereafter), who has qualified at the School of Gunnery, Shoeburyness, England, and whose services will shortly be placed at the disposal of the Dominion Government by the Imperial authorities: and he will in like manner be charged with the instruction, drill, and discipline to be carried out in that School.

As the Dominion Inspector of Artillery will frequently be called away from Kingston to attend to his other duties, an Assistant Gunnery Instructor (to be nominated hereafter) will be allowed for the School of Gunnery there. This officer will receive the pay and allowances of a Major, he will be available for the instruction of Militia Batteries at out-Stations and for general purposes, and will command the School of Gunnery, Kingston, in the absence of the Inspector of Artillery.

No. 18. Command.

The above Schools of Gunnery, with any detachments therefrom, are placed under the immediate command of their Commandants who will report direct to Head Quarters, and receive instructions solely from the Adjutant General.

No. 19. Annual Drill of all Garrison Batteries.

As far as practicable, all Militia Garrison Batteries of Artillery, in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, will perform

their annual drill at the Forts occupied by A and B Batteries, or the detachments therefrom, under instructions from the Commandants of the Schools of Gunnery – and when the Batteries of Militia Artillery cannot conveniently be brought to Forts without incurring considerable expense the Commandants of the Schools of Gunnery will detail such officers and non-commissioned officers as may be necessary to provide for the proper instruction of these Batteries at their own Head Quarters or other convenient places.

No. 20. Forts &c., handed over to Commandants.

The Director of Stores and Keeper of Militia properties is hereby instructed to hand over, as soon as convenient, to the Commandant of the School of Gunnery at Kingston, the whole of the Forts with the armament and stores hitherto in charge of the Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery at that station, also the whole of the Quarters for officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, guard rooms and other buildings at the Tête du pont Barracks, the buildings contained in the new Fort, Toronto, and stores at the old Fort, when required.

The Forts and Works at Quebec and Point Levis, with the armament and stores about to be handed over by the Royal Artillery, will in like manner be transferred to the care of the Commandant of the School of Gunnery at Quebec, also the Barracks with the mounted guns and stores connected therewith at St. Helen's Island

Montreal.

No. 21. Schools of Gunnery - St. John and Halifax.
Arrangements are being made for the formation of Schools of Gunnery at St. John N.B., and Halifax, N.S., the details of which will be announced hereafter in General Orders.
By command of His Excellency
the Governor General,
Signed, P. Robertson Ross, Colonel,
Adjutant General of Militia,
Canada.

Lieutenant Colonel French, the Commandant of A Battery, School of Gunnery, was already in the service of the Canadian Government, having been appointed Inspector of Artillery and Warlike Stores, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the Militia, from the 1st December 1870, he being then a Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery. His precedence in the Militia was established by the following General Order.

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17th Feby 1871.

Head Quarters
Ottawa, 1st September 1871.

General Orders (19.)
Active Militia.
No. 1. Staff.
It is hereby notified for general information that the Officer performing the duties of "Inspector of Artillery and Warlike Stores" takes rank, precedence and command with Deputies Adjutant General of Military Districts, from the date of his appointment.

Lieutenant Colonel Strange was appointed

Commandant of A Battery, School of Gunnery on the 24th November 1871, he being then a Captain in the Royal Artillery.

It is odd to note that the first two officers appointed to A and B. Batteries, after Lt. Colonel French's appointment, were the two Surgeons, who were gazetted in General Orders of the 3rd November 1871.

Surgeon O. S. Strange to A Battery, and Surgeon J. L. H. Neilson to B Battery.

The following General Order details the officers appointed to "B" Battery in 1871:—

Head Quarters,
Ottawa, 24th November 1871.

No 1. Active Militia
Province of Quebec.
"B" Battery and School of Gunnery, Quebec.

To be Commandant with the rank of Lieut: Colonel in the active Militia:—

Captain Thomas Bland Strange, Royal Artillery, formerly Gunnery Instructor at the School of Gunnery, Shoeburyness, England.

Lieut: Colonel Strange will take rank precedence and command in the Militia with Deputy Adjutants General of Military Districts, from the date of his appointment, 13th September 1871.

The periodical inspection of all the Batteries of Artillery and Companies of Engineers of the Militia in the Province of Quebec, will be made by Lieut: Colonel Strange, who will also make a report annually, to Head Quarters, of the state of the Forts, armament, warlike stores, and Equipment of the Field Artillery and Engineers, &c. in that province.

"B" Battery and School of Gunnery, Quebec.

Surgeon John Lewis Hubert Neilson, M.D. Quebec Provisional Brigade of Garrison Artillery, will be Medical officer, taking rank and precedence as Surgeon; to reckon from the date of his appointment, the 8th October 1869, with the pay and allowances of an Assistant Surgeon.

The following officers are authorized to join at the School of Gunnery, Quebec, on probation, for a course of instruction of three months, dating from the 1st instant:—

Captain and Adjutant Charles E. Montizambert.
Quebec Garrison Artillery.

1st Lieutenant Charles John Short.
Sherbrooke Garrison Artillery.

Captain Maurice E. J. Duchesnay.
23rd "Beauce" Battalion.

When the Imperial Troops left Quebec, the 1st 60th Rifles, who were quartered in the Citadel, left a detachment of about ten men behind them, whose wives were about to increase the population of British North America, and they were attached to "B" Battery until the 7th May 1872, when they left for Halifax to re-join the Head Quarters of their Corps.

The accoutrements for the Battery were first loaned from the stores of the Quebec Brigade of Garrison Artillery. They were armed with Short Snider Enfield Rifle, and furnished with the square knapsack of that period. The head-dress was the Artillery Busby, the rest of the uniform was the same as the Royal Artillery, with the exception of the word "Ubique" in the motto on the accoutrements which was replaced by the word "Canada". B. Battery in addition

adopted the motto "Nil desperandum, auspice Deo."

According to the Battery Nominal Roll, 83 non-commissioned officers and men had joined the Battery by the end of December 1871.

The following Return taken from the Militia Report for 1871 however shows a much larger number of men on the strength on the 6th February 1872, it is therefore evident that the Battery was recruited up to nearly its full strength in a little over three months.

# "B" Battery School of Gunnery.

Return of Officers, non-commissioned officers and men, agreeably to the Adjutant General's instructions dated, Ottawa 5th February 1872.

Citadel, Quebec, 6th Feby 1872.

| Officers. Rank & Name | Former Militia Corps belonging to | N.C. Officers & men. | Engaged for twelve months. | Engaged for three | Speaking. English | Speaking. French. | Average height N.C. Officers and men. ft. | in: | Average chest measurement. in: | Batteries from whence men came | Name of Corps in which Enrolled. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Capt: C. Montizambert. | Quebec Garr: Art: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lieut: M. Duchesnay | " Field Batt. | | | | | | | | | 9. Quebec Garr: Art: | 52. Quebec G.A. | |
| " C. Short | Sherbrooke Batt. | | | | | | | | | Quebec F. Batt. | 23 Quebec F.B. | |
| " G. White | Quebec Garr: Art. | 136 | 136 | — | 89 | 47 | 5 | 8 | 37½ | 12. Montreal G.A. | 38 Montreal G.A. | Infantry Battn. proposed to attach to Quebec G.A. |
| " J. Pacheran | " " " | | | | | | | | | | Quebec F.B. | attached. |
| Surg. H. Neilson | " " " | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capt: V. Baby | " " " | 7 | — | 7 | — | 7 | 5 | 7 | 38 | 5. Quebec F.B. | 2 Quebec G.A. | -do- Sergeants. |
| Total. | | 143 | 136 | 7 | 89 | 54 | | | | | | |

The Battery was kept a few below strength, because I think it advisable to leave a few vacancies for exceptionally good men. Signed. T. B. Strange Lieut. Colonel Commanding School of Gunnery. Quebec.

It will be seen by the above Return that the Officers and men composing these schools all belonged to various Militia Corps throughout the country, and were simply attached for instruction. This was the thin end of the wedge for the Permanent Corps which were afterwards established.

The following extracts from the Militia Report 1871 give a summary of the work done, and progress made in the two Batteries during the short time they were in existence this year.

Extract from Report of the Inspector of Artillery (Lieut. Colonel French) on the Gunnery Schools dated 10th January 1872:-

At the commencement of the past year the gunnery schools were carried on in a somewhat similar manner to the infantry schools; the cadets living anywhere in the vicinity, drilling so many hours per diem, and receiving the gratuity of $50 on their obtaining a first or second class certificate.

This system is now, I am glad to say, at an end; the most that could be expected of it was to teach those who went there a gunner's duty, and not all that.

Instruction for officers there could be but little, except mere gun drill, and no means of instructing members of field batteries have been available since the departure of the Royal Artillery.

The present gunnery schools, established at Kingston and Quebec, were organized in accordance with General Orders, (24.) 20th October 1871, which directed the formation of "two batteries of garrison artillery, in order to provide for the care and "protection of the forts, magazines, armaments and warlike stores recently or about to be handed over to the Dominion Government in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec".

It further directed that "these batteries in

of instruction in an arsenal, I feel that the Imperial authorities appreciating this fact, will, on proper application being made, place suitable men at the disposal of the Dominion Government. I trust the earliest opportunity will be taken to obtain the services of these men, as a large amount of practice has been carried on, and a gun may possibly burst from not having been examined or vented in time.

The instruction is based on the general principle that individuals joining the schools of gunnery shall do duty in the same rank that they hold in their own batteries. Thus a lieutenant in addition to being taught all ordinary drills, is posted to a district, made to inspect all the stores therein weekly, takes his turn as orderly officer, learns practically the interior economy of a battery organized for service in Canada, his main attention being directed to those matters which more particularly affect his own branch of the service. A Sergeant similarly has charge of a room, goes on guard, takes his turn as orderly Sergeant &c.; in point of fact they are virtually for the time being component parts of A and B Batteries.

It was supposed when raising the two batteries which constitute the gunnery schools, that a few men would come from every militia battery, and that instruction would thus easily have been disseminated. This has not been the case, no men whatever coming from some batteries, but large numbers from others. Strange to say, the largest numbers came from some of the most efficient batteries. Thus, the Toronto Field Battery has sent 19 men, and 10 are coming from the Wellington Battery (on the 1st February); yet, from the whole of Military District, No. 4

containing ten batteries, only three men have been sent to the School of gunnery, its proportion being 52.

By the annexed return, it will be seen that B Battery has nearly its full complement of men, 138 out of 153; A Battery has only 98 out of 131.

The men from Military District No. 1 do not join till the first week in February, and it will also nearly have its complement.

Considering that these two batteries are only being raised, it cannot be expected that much instruction could have been carried on; but from what I have seen, I feel assured that their formation marks a distinct era in the history of the Canadian Artillery. It is now within the reach of every officer, non-commissioned officer, gunner or driver, or even of a trumpeter to learn his duties in a thorough manner, by joining for a long or short period, and at whatever time of year may be most convenient for him, being lodged and paid at the Government Expense

True, the Dominion Government receives personal services in return (as guards on magazines and warlike stores, caretakers of the fortifications and their armaments, &c.), which it did not receive under the old system; but the above services include some of the most important duties of Artillerymen, and are apparently rendered gratuitously, if one merely compares the old system with the new; or, to put the matter in plain figures. The vote for military schools for the year 1871-72 was reduced by $15.000, as no separate gunnery schools would be required in Ontario and Quebec on the formation of A and B Batteries.

I am glad to be able to report that the conduct of the men of A Battery has been -

-generally most Exemplary, and I have no doubt the Same can be said of B Battery, and in concluding this subject I beg to state that I look forward with confidence to the good results which I fully believe will be attained by the working of the present System, and after a few years time one will assuredly find in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec a large number of officers, non-commissioned officers and gunners, who will, in addition to being able to perform their own duties as artillerymen effectively, be also able to assist and instruct their less efficient comrades (provided always that these Schools are reserved for the Militia Artillery, and that infantry officers are not posted thereto, to the Exclusion of artillery officers.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Signed. G. A. French Lieut. Colonel.
Inspector of Artillery & Warlike stores.

## Report concerning A and B Batteries Garrison Artillery.

| Corps. | Establishment. | Number of men. | Long course. | Short course. | English Speaking. | French Speaking | average height of N.C. Officers and men. | average chest measurement. | Corps in which Enrolled. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | Ft. in: | Inches | | |
| "A" Battery, Kingston. | 131. | 98 | *77. | 21 | 98 | .... | 5 8¾ | 34½. | 61. Kingston Field Battery.<br>2. Ottawa Garrn. Artillery.<br>1. Hamilton Field Battery.<br>1 St. Catharines Garr: Batt.<br>19. Toronto Field Batt.<br>4. Toronto Garrn. Batt.<br>10. Wellington Field Batt. | *. 7. Long course coming from the London Field Battery; the Garrison Batteries of Military District No. 1. not yet heard from.<br>‡: all joining at head-quarters had to be Enrolled in this Battery. |
| Officers. | | | 2 | 3 | | | | | | |
| "B" Battery, Quebec. | 153 | 138 | 132 | 6. | 86 | 52 | 5 8 | 34¼. | 47. Montreal Garr: Artg.<br>30 Quebec Field Batt.<br>61. Quebec Garrn. Artg. | } 4 more recently joined. |
| Officers. | | | | 5 | | | | | | |
| Total men. | —— | 236. | 209. | 27 | 184. | 52. | —— | —— | | |

Signed G. A. French Lieut: Colonel.
Inspector of Artillery.

Extract from Report of P. Robertson Ross.
Colonel Commanding,
and Adjutant General of Militia
Ottawa, 15th March 1872.

## Artillery.

It is with great pleasure I have to state that during the past year, not only has the inspection of the Artillery been better attended to, but means have been adopted by the establishment of "Schools of Gunnery" at Kingston and Quebec, under the command of professional officers of the Royal Artillery, (who are lent by the Imperial to the Dominion Government) to carry out the practical and scientific instruction required, much more thoroughly.

On the departure of the Regular Troops, the Fortifications and armament at Quebec were handed over to the Dominion Government. The new Forts at "Point Levis" opposite Quebec, (which are of a most formidable description) are not yet armed, but the Imperial Government have notified that guns of a powerful description, suited to the requirements of modern warfare, will be mounted on these works.

At Quebec itself, 187 guns are mounted, at Kingston 85, at Toronto 9, and there are guns of position mounted at other places. Although some of these guns are of obsolete pattern, yet many of them are powerful and of considerable calibre, and all would be useful for purposes of war.

The amount of artillery ammunition at present in store, although adequate for ordinary purposes and sufficient to provide the necessary annual practice allowance for Artillery Corps for several years, or to meet the probable demand

resulting from possible Fenian invasion, is however, altogether quite insufficient in the Event of war.

The organization of the two Schools of Artillery, (A and B Batteries), formed at Kingston and Quebec, as authorized in General Orders of 20th October last, has been effected, great Eagerness having been displayed by both officers and men of the Militia to join them. These schools not only provide for scientific and practical instruction in Artillery Exercises of such officers and men as are attached to them, but they furnish guards for the forts, magazines, stores, and armament at those places.

The School of Gunnery at Kingston, consists of 1. Captain, 3 Lieutenants, 1 assistant Surgeon, 7 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 4 Bombardiers, 3 Trumpeters, and 110 gunners, and is quartered in the "Tete-du-Pont" Barracks.

The School of Gunnery at Quebec, consists of 1 Captain, 4 Lieutenants, 1 assistant Surgeon, 7 Sergeants, 6 corporals, 4 Bombardiers, 3 Trumpeters, 130 gunners, (among whom there are 89 English-speaking, and 54 French speaking Canadians) and is quartered in the Citadel.

Both these Batteries are complete in numbers, Except as regards Skilled Artificers, and Specially trained Sergeant Instructors, but application has been made to the Imperial Government, to obtain the services of the latter, consisting of 1 Master Gunner, 2 Laboratory Foremen, 2 Ordnance Armourers, (called in the Regular Army "Armstrong Armourers,)" 2 Sergeant Instructors in Garrison Artillery, and 2 Sergeant Instructors in Field Artillery; the latter, in addition to Gunnery, to be able to instruct in Riding, Driving, Field manoeuvres, &c. &c., and as soon as the

services of these are obtained both Batteries will be complete.

The Battery at Kingston is under the command of Lieutenant Colonel French, Inspector of Artillery and Warlike Stores. The Battery at Quebec, under Lieutenant Colonel T. B. Strange, Inspector of Artillery for the Province of Quebec, and the scientific and practical instruction of Officers and men of Artillery militia corps will be carried out by these Officers, who both belong to Her Majesty's Regular Army, are carefully trained and skilled Artillerists, well versed in all the duties appertaining to their special arm. Eight horses have also been authorized for each of these Batteries in order to give instruction in riding and driving drill, and I would beg to recommend that the number of horses be increased from 8 to 16 in each Battery, and thus afford the means of carrying out far more completely Field Artillery Instruction.

The Militia Officers attached to these schools of Gunnery all belong to various Artillery Corps of the Active Militia, and when duly recommended are authorized to join the Schools for the short course of instruction, which lasts three months, receiving during this period pay at the rate of $1. per diem, with barrack accomodation and the usual ration allowances, fuel, light &c, authorized in the Imperial army, on the termination of which period, should they have shewn any peculiar aptitude for military science, they may be retained for the "long course" of instruction of nine months, provided they are so desirous,

and that there are vacancies for them in the School.

So soon as Officers have passed through the probationery three months short course of instruction to the satisfaction of the Commandant of the school, they receive the pay of their rank, in addition to being provided with barrack accomodation, free rations, and the same allowance of fuel, light &c.

On the termination of the long course of instruction, those officers who pass the best Examination, and are otherwise most efficient, may be retained from time to time indefinitely, (if approved of at Head Quarters), on the recommendation of the Commandants, according to their merits, desires, and the requirements of the public service, such officers being then available to act in their turn as instructors to others, and thus in a few years there will be no inconsiderable number of scientifically trained Canadian Artillery Officers in the Dominion.

The non-commissioned officers and men at the Schools of Gunnery in like manner all belong to various Artillery Corps of the Active Militia, or are enrolled in such previous to admission. Nearly the whole of the number of men at present authorized will remain at the respective Schools for twelve months training and duty, at the termination of which period they may either leave the Schools, returning (in a military point of view) to their respective corps; or should they so desire, and it is in the interests of the public service, they may on the recommendations of the Commandants be retained indefinitely from time to time for further duty.

By this system, whilst maintaining the necessary military guard over the forts and magazines at Kingston and Quebec, provision

is made for a steady flow of officers and men through these practical Artillery Schools, which cannot fail in time greatly to increase the efficiency of many Militia Artillery Corps, and to spread very generally throughout the country a knowledge of that especial science.

During the period officers and men are attached to the Gunnery Schools, for duty and instruction they are for purposes of discipline and military duty, under the Queen's Regulations and Articles of War as defined in the Militia Act, the same as if on active service with their respective corps, and are in the event of misconduct, or other causes of an objectionable nature, liable to be summarily dismissed therefrom.

"A" Battery has 37 men, and "B" Battery 30, who formerly served in the Imperial Army, but are now enrolled in the Active Militia of Canada, the uniform worn by officers and men being similar to that of the Royal Artillery, in point of appearance there is little difference; there is every reason to hope also, that in due time there will be no inferiority in point of efficiency.

Of the officers and men now undergoing instruction at the Kingston School of Gunnery, one officer and 63 men belong to the Kingston Field Battery, 19 men to the Toronto Field Battery, 9 men to the Wellington Field Battery, 4 men to the London Field Battery, 1 officer and two men to the Ottawa Garrison Artillery, 1 officer and 1 man to the St. Catharines Garrison Battery, 1 man to the Hamilton Field Battery, 4 men to the Toronto Garrison Battery, and 1 officer to the Cobourg Garrison Battery.

The average height of the men at present attending this school is 5 feet 8¾ inches, their average chest measurement 37½ inches. Of those now attached to the Quebec School of Gunnery, 52 belong to the Quebec Garrison Artillery, 23 to the Quebec Field Battery, 38 to the Montreal Garrison Artillery. The average height of the men is 5 feet 8 inches; average chest measurement 37¼ inches.

The Report of the Dominion Inspector of Artillery, details the course of instruction and duties carried on at the Schools of Gunnery, as well as the object and nature of these institutions, and which, as that Officer correctly observes, "marks a new Era in the steps taken to train and instruct the Dominion Artillery".

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On the 18th January, Captain George Rolt White, No. 1 Battery Quebec Garrison Artillery, and Major J. E. M. Taschereau, Quebec Provisional Battalion, joined for a three months course of instruction. Both of these Officers were appointed to the Battery at a subsequent date.

Officers Joining M. G. O. 12/1/72.

On the 14th February a Battery Gymnasium was started.

Gymnasium. Battery orders. 14. 2. '72.

On the 17th February, Long Rifles in possession of the Battery were exchanged for Short Rifles. (Snider Enfields.)

Short rifles Battery orders 16. 2. '72.

By General Order of the 23rd February, the Medical Officers of A and B Batteries were ordered to attend the Cadets of the Cavalry.

Medical attendance cavalry Schools.

Schools at Kingston and Quebec, who were attached to the Batteries for that purpose.

On the 8th March the following General Orders relating to "A" and "B" Batteries were published:-

Precedence of Inspectors of Artillery.

(1.) That all instructions and orders issued from time to time by Inspectors of Artillery on matters affecting Engineer and Artillery Drill, care of Stores, Material &c. in possession of Corps, are to be obeyed as if emanating from the Adjutant General. And that these Officers take rank, precedence and command in the Militia according to the dates of their Commissions.

Command "A" & "B" Batteries.

(2.) That "A" and "B" Batteries will be under the command of the Officers Commanding the Military Districts in which they are stationed, in all matters relating to military command, discipline supply, clothing &c., & that the Brigade Major is the proper channel of communication

Notifications of Vacancies.

(3). That the Commandants of "A" and "B" Batteries are to notify the Commanding Officers of their respective Districts of all vacancies for officers, Non-commissioned Officers and men, and all returns and states, are to be sent through the same channel.

Corps on duty.

(4) That the Commandants of "A" and "B" Batteries will report direct to the Adjutant General all inspections made by them.

(5.) That all Officers, non-commissioned officers and men, belonging, or attached, to "A" and "B" Batteries, are under the Queen's Regulations and Articles of War.

On the 28th March further general orders were issued to the effect that :-

the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant transmitting the Range Report of the first competitive practice that has taken place in the School of Gunnery under your command, and to convey to you my satisfaction at the result of the same.

I propose to publish in General Orders the Range Report you have transmitted with a view to encouragement. I have further to inform you, that I approve of the presentation of the Badges proposed by you to be given to the marksmen and the means adopted by you for obtaining them.

Your personal request to present a Silver Badge to the winner of the highest score for combined Artillery and small arm practice is acceded to and thankfully acknowledged, as well as the proposal of Major Montizambert to present a challenge Cup.

I shall not fail to recommend that the usual Government money prizes given for good shooting to the Militia, be awarded to "B" Battery in the proportion you mention.

I have &c.

Signed, P. Robertson Ross. Colonel.
Adjutant General of Militia.

The names of the 12 men who qualified as Artillery Marksmen, and thus became entitled to wear gold laced badges of cross guns, were also published in the above General order, and these names together with seven others who qualified as small arms marksmen appeared in Battery orders of the 22nd May.

The conditions on which the Challenge Cup and medal were to be competed for were also published in Battery orders of the above date.

They were as follows :-

1st. That the winner must be an Educated gunner and will be subject to an Examination by the Commandant School of Gunnery.

2nd. He must be an Artillery Marksman.

3rd. He must be a Small arm Marksman.

4th. He must not be a bad character.

Bombardier A. W. Moore was the winner of the Challenge Cup and badge for this year. — Battery order 23.5.72.

On the 23rd. May a prize for swordsmanship consisting of a badge of cross swords, was awarded to Sergeant Major Lyndon.

Captain C.E. Montizambert was gazetted a Brevet Major from the 8th. February 1872. — M.G.O. 16.4.72

The Battery fired a Royal Salute and feu-de-joie on the 24th. May, the Queen's Birthday

On the 29th. May a Detachment of 17 men under Lieut: Short, proceeded to St. Helen's Island, Montreal, to be stationed there. — Battery Order 28.5.72

The Band was ordered to play once a week on the esplanade. Band Practice was ordered to be held at the King's Bastion in fine weather. — Battery Order 1.6.72.

On the 10th June Colonel Robertson Ross, Adjutant General, made his first half yearly inspection of the Battery, and the following was published in Battery Orders of that date.

Battery Orders
By Lieut: Colonel T. B. Strange
Commandant.
Citadel, Quebec, 10th June 1872.

1. The Adjutant General of Militia, having made the first half yearly inspection of "B" Battery School of Gunnery, has much pleasure in expressing to Colonel Strange, Commandant, the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Gunners, his great satisfaction at the result of his inspection.

The soldierlike appearance of both Officers and men, their skill in Artillery Exercises and the remarkable degree of scientific artillery knowledge already acquired by all attached to this School of Gunnery reflects equal honour upon the Instructor and his pupils, - The absence of all serious crime and the good state of discipline is equally satisfactory, and the Adjutant General will not fail to make a most favourable report to His Excellency the Governor General of the Dominion on the present state of "B" Battery School of Gunnery, Canadian Artillery.

Signed, P. Robertson Ross.
A.G.

2. The Commandant congratulates the Battery

on the high praise bestowed by the Adjutant General upon it, and hopes it will be a further incentive to exertion and discipline, especially in minor matters.

He is sorry to have had to award a number of minor punishments for carelessness on parade and inattention to orders. On this point of absolute obedience to orders apparently unimportant, the Commandant expects & demands implicit obedience. He has commanded a Battery of Royal Artillery declared by the Commander-in-Chief in India, to have been second to none in the British Army. He expects "B" Battery to reach that standard.

Major John Fraser who was afterwards appointed a Lieutenant in the Battery, was evidently attached on the 11th June, as reference is made to him in Battery Orders of that date.

On the 13th June a Battery School for Battery children was opened. Battery Order 13/6/7[illegible]

Major Montizambert, Sergeant Major Lyndon, and four men proceeded to Kingston for duty there. Battery Order 13/6/7[illegible]

The details of Summer Field Kit for Camp were laid down in Battery Orders of 14th June. According to this order the men wore white linen suits and white cap-covers. Battery Order 14.6.72

On the 25th June the men of "B" Battery who were enrolled in the Quebec and Beauce Field Batteries proceeded to Camp at Levis to put in their annual training. The remainder of the Battery also proceeded to Camp under command of Lieutenant La Rue.

Battery Order 24.6.'72.

The Artillery were under command of Lieut: Colonel Strange.

Lieutenant Short in command of the Detachment at St. Helen's Island was appointed Gunnery Instructor to the Montreal Brigade Garrison Artillery, the St. John's Battery of Artillery, and to the Companies of Engineers at St. Helen's Island.

Battery Order 8. 4.4.'72.

Lieutenant Oscar Prevost, of the Provisional Battalion, Manitoba, was detached therefrom on the 12th July, attached to the Montreal Brigade Garrison Artillery, & authorized to join "B" Battery on probation for a three months course.

On the 5th August the Battery was called out in aid of the Civil Power for the election riots held on that day.

The following letter from the Mayor of Quebec returning thanks for the Services of the Battery was received:—

City Hall
Quebec, 8th August 1872.

Sir,

It affords me great pleasure as Mayor of the City of Quebec, to convey to you my most sincere thanks, as well for the courteous manner as for the energy and promptness wherewith you placed the "B" Battery of the Dominion Artillery under your command at the disposal of the Sheriff acting as returning officer at the election of Quebec Centre on the fifth instant, about four of the clock in the afternoon of that day, and also to the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men composing the force then under arms, to whose prudent and soldier-like conduct on the occasion combined with your own, the City is certainly indebted, for averting the consequences that might have arisen from the riotous and violent mob then assembled in St. John's suburbs to the great fear and dismay of all peaceable citizens.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obdt. Servant,

signed P. Garneau.

Mayor.

Lt. Colonel Strange.

Commanding "B" Battery, Dominion Artillery,

Citadel, Quebec.

On the 23rd. August a Detachment of one officer and Eleven men was sent to St. Helen's Island, Montreal.

On the 24th. Major Montizambert was appointed extra Aide-de-Camp to His —

Excellency The Governor General.

A Detachment under Major Montizambert and Lieut: La Rue, and Surgeon Wilson consisting of about 44 men was sent up to Montreal on the 26th August to be present at the elections there.

Staff rides for Officers and Non-Commissioned officers was commenced on the 31st August.

In September the Battery Sports were held; His Excellency The Governor General giving a number of prizes.

On the 20th September a Detachment of the Battery was attested for service at the Red River.

On the 23rd the Detachment for Red River were ordered to leave by rail that afternoon, En-route under Command of Lieut: Colonel Lamontagne, Brigade Major.

In Militia General Orders of the 11th October 1872, Lieutenant, - Major J. E. M. Taschereau was appointed to the Command of the Detachment.

On the 22nd September His Excellency Lord Dufferin, the Governor General, left Quebec after a stay in the Citadel of some weeks. He sent the following letter to the Commandant respecting the Battery :-

Citadel, Quebec.
September 22nd 1872.

Dear Colonel Strange,

I have been desired by His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin to convey to you an expression of his approval of the good discipline of the Garrison under your command during the time of his residence in the Citadel.

His Excellency has remarked the orderly behaviour of the men, their soldierlike appearance, and their general smartness on parade.

His Excellency is well aware that these results cannot be obtained without the cordial co-operation of all ranks, and he trusts that you will take an opportunity of informing the officers and men under your command that he fully appreciates the zeal and Energy with which they performed their military duties.

I am Dear Colonel Strange
Yours sincerely

Signed
H. C. Fletcher Lieut: Col:
Military Secretary.

Lt Col: Strange R. A.
&c. &c.
Citadel, Quebec.

On the 7th October the Battery Gymnasium was started.

Mortar practice was carried out on the Esplanade on the 25th October and following days.

On the 25th November a detachment under Lieut: Prevost proceeded to St. Helen's Island, Montreal, to relieve a similar detachment there.

The following extracts are made from the Adjutant General's Report for 1872:—

## Gunnery Schools.

The results already attained by the Establishment of the Schools of Gunnery at Kingston and Quebec, (A and B Batteries) are very satisfactory.

These schools of practical and theoretical Artillery Science were established under the system detailed in General Orders, October 1871, (a copy of which will be found in the Appendix); none are admitted to these schools for duty and instruction except duly Gazetted Officers or enrolled non-Commissioned Officers and men belonging to some Corps of the Active Militia.

The periods of admission to the Gunnery Schools are for three and twelve months, and a limited number of Officers and men may be re-admitted for a further period, if it be found necessary to do so, in order to maintain a sufficient staff and nucleus for carrying on the instruction and duties.

Whilst attached to the Schools of Gunnery (A & B Batteries) for duty and instruction, all Officers and men are under the rules of military discipline as prescribed in clause 64 of the Militia Act, and thus Artillery Schools, as real as Corps of the Royal Artillery itself, have been formed for Garrison duty as well as for theoretical and practical instruction in Artillery Science.

Although the Kingston School of Gunnery ("A" Battery) has only been in operation for about 16 months, and the maximum authorized strength, at any time, limited to 4 Officers and 131 non-commissioned officers and men, the Commandant reports that 12 officers and 223 non-commissioned officers and men have joined that school since its formation, and about 30 more are at this date (14th March 1873) waiting for admission.

8 Officers have obtained first class certificates and 2 Officers a second class certificate; 7 first class and 8 second class certificates have been given to non-commissioned officers and men; no certificates have as yet been given to any of the men at present at the School, but they will of course be entitled to receive certificates according to professional merit on passing the necessary Examination in Artillery Science before they leave the school.

The Commandants of the Gunnery Schools have been very particular in granting certificates. It is indispensable that an Officer in any arm of the Military Service should have some Education, and no certificates should be given to any one who cannot write correctly from dictation, and show a reasonable knowledge of arithmetic.

Lieut. Colonel T. B. Strange, the Commandant of the Quebec School of Gunnery, B Battery, reports for my information as follows:

"The Examination papers submitted - marked A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I, J, K, - and published in appendix show that the practical and theoretical course of instruction of the officers, and the small number

of Sergeants who were able to avail themselves of it, has been of an advanced character, including the following subjects:

"Artillery drills and exercises, garrison and field gunnery.

"Artillery material, including the examination and sighting of ordnance, laboratory, &c.

"Minor tactics and military history.

"Fortifications and sieges.

"Rough military surveying, with pocket-compass and sextant.

"I beg to suggest an artillery certificate, applicable to the higher course of study, in addition to the present gunnery certificate.

"I have much pleasure in expressing my entire satisfaction with the intelligence and application, as well as with the natural military qualities shewn by the officers who have passed through my hands.

"The duties of all ranks have been performed to my satisfaction, and the absence of actual crime, with the exception of drunkenness, which, however has greatly decreased, is encouraging.

"I am much indebted to Major Montizambert, Captain Duchesnay, and Lieutenant Short, who have in their turn acted as Adjutant.

"To enable me to carry out the duties of instruction and inspection, I have of late left much of the detail of battery interior economy to Major Montizambert who has shewn himself thoroughly competent, and set the best possible example of cheerful energy and good feeling, which has been followed by all ranks.

"The most obviously advantageous method

of utilizing scientifically-trained Officers during peace is that adopted in the United States, where a large proportion of those educated at West Point are employed on public works.

"The gigantic railroad, canal and boundary surveys undertaken by the Canadian Government give ample scope for the employment of assistant military surveyors and engineers, who would thus form the nucleus of a practically scientific staff corps, whose intimate knowledge of their own country, and the maps they would construct would be of incalculable value in the event of war, and useful in peace. These services are at present, in some instances, done for us (and I have no doubt with great ability) by foreigners, whose knowledge of our country might not always be to our advantage.

"It would be very advisable that a party from the Gunnery School should be attached as assistants to the Royal Engineers on the boundary survey. When the latter return to England, their Canadian assistants would have acquired sufficient skill to become the nucleus of a Canadian Staff corps of Engineer surveyors.

"Royal Artillery and Engineer Officers are educated together, and their training now covers the whole ground of important subjects taught at the Staff College, Sandhurst; artillery, infantry and riding drills are already taught at the gunnery schools as well as rough military surveying.

"A few months after the formation of the school of gunnery, a considerable portion of the fortress of Quebec, was re-armed by the men attending it during a severe winter; only one rifled gun having been mounted by the Royal Artillery –

before their departure, while a considerable number of the old guns had been dismounted by the Royal Engineers to repair their platforms; this while affording necessary and valuable practical instruction to Officers and men, carried out an important public service.

"On the 5th August, the services of the Battery were rendered on the requisition of the Mayor and Sheriff (who both attended in person), during the elections at Quebec. The Battery was formed as infantry, with a mounted detachment as troopers, to clear the streets.

"I reported the circumstance to the Deputy Adjutant General commanding No. 7, Military District, from whom I had received an order to turn out. I was subsequently directed to send a Detachment to Montreal for the same purpose, and in the month of September 1872, to send an Officer and twentyfive (25) Non-commissioned Officers, gunners and drivers, with two 7 Pounder muzzle-loading rifle guns and their Equipment for service in the Province of Manitoba. Thirtynine (39) volunteered, the surplus were taken as infantry. They were a remarkably fine body of intelligent and trained soldiers including many artificers.

"The number of horses - Eight - (8) is inadequate for instruction in field artillery movements. Forty (40) horses would be sufficient for a permanent instructional field battery and riding Establishment, Especially if Officers going through their Courses were given forage for their own horses, as allowed last year for the cavalry school, such horses being available for gun draft. The artillery

horses might, under these circumstances, be able to perform the transport and fatigue duties for the store and supply departments, driving waggons being almost as good practice as driving guns. A considerable saving of money would be the result, combined with efficient instruction, and a field battery always ready for service, which, during annual training at camps, or on emergencies, might be distributed among the field batteries, to whom the addition of a few well-trained wheel and lead drivers, with their horses, would be invaluable."

"The gun practice of "B" Battery was carried on from King's Bastion, Citadel, at a target on the ice. Artillery marksmen having been selected in accordance with the system submitted for your approval, the results were published in general orders, and shew a high figure of merit, combined with quickness in laying heavy guns."

Mortar practice was carried on from the Lewis curtain.

Up to the end of 1872, the following officers had joined the Battery and School of Gunnery:–

| Rank | Names | Battery of Artillery in which Enrolled | Date of admission | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lt. Col: | Strange T. B. | Royal Artillery | | Comdt. S. G. |
| Captain & Bt. Major: | Montizambert C. E. | Quebec Garn. Arty | 14. 11. '71. | ~~Afterwards~~ gazetted Capt of B By |
| Captain | Duchesnay M | La Beauce Mountain By. | 24. 11. '71. | Gazetted Lt. in B By |
| Lieut: | Short C. | Sherbrook G. V. Arty. | 10. 11. '71. | do do |
| Captain | White G. R. | Quebec V. G. Arty | 15. 1. '72. | Appointed Qr. Mr. in C By Oct. 1887 |
| Major | Taschereau E. | Quebec F. B. V. Arty. | 15. 1. '72 | Gazetted Lt in B By |
| Captain | Baby W. | Quebec F. B. Arty | 15. 1. '72 | |
| Surgeon | Neilson H. | Quebec G. Arty | 4. 11. '71. | Surgeon |
| Major | Frazer J. | Do. | 14. 7. '72 | Gazetted Lieut in B By |
| Captain | La Rue C. A. | La Beauce F. B. | 12. 7. '72 | " " " |
| Lieut: | Prevost O. | Quebec Rifles. | 12. 7. '72 | " " " |
| Captain | Amyrauld T. | Granby F. B. V. Arty | 18. 7. '72 | |
| Lieut: | Devine J. A. | No. 1. Montreal V. Engr. Co. | 5. 10. '72 | |
| " | Montizambert F. | Quebec V. G. Arty | 1. 11. '72 | |
| " | Gautier F. E. | Navy. | 12. 12. '72 | |

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On the 17th January a Detachment of 13 Non-commissioned Officers and men proceeded to St. Helen's Island, Montreal, for duty there.

The following memorandum was received from Head Quarters, changing the regulations with respect to re-enlisted men -

Head Quarters.
Ottawa, February 3rd 1873.

Memo:

The Hon. the Minister of Militia and Defence has approved of the following regulations relating to men, who, having completed a long course of instructions in "A" and "B" Batteries of Artillery Schools of Gunnery, may, on account of their knowledge and fitness, be re-enlisted for a further period of service.

1. Men re-enlisted for a further period - after completing 12 months service in "A" or "B" Batteries of Artillery, are not to be furnished with any additional articles, beyond the first issue of necessaries at the public Expense - but an allowance of three dollars per annum in money will be granted to Each Such man, to enable him to keep up his winter kit.

2. Men re-enlisting as above having received an issue of one pair of winter boots during the first years service, will not thereafter be Entitled to a Second issue of winter boots, - but instead of one pair of winter and one pair of Summer boots authorized for the first Year of Service, two pairs of Summer boots per annum may be issued to men re-enlisting

for a further period of twelve months service.

The dates of issue to be fixed by the Commandants of each School on the approval of the Adjutant General.

3. _ Unless circumstances require a larger number, not more than 25 re-enlisted men exclusive of non-commissioned officers to be on the strength of the Battery at any one time, and no man who has passed through a 12 months Course of instruction to be taken on for a further period, except on the special authority of the Adjutant General.

By order,

Signed. W. Powell Lt. Col.

Lt. Col. Strange. D. A. G.

Quebec.

On the 3rd and 4th March, the Battery was called out in aid of the Civil Power for the election riots, with 60 rounds of ball ammunition; that their conduct was all it should be is evidenced by the following letter:-

8th Brigade Division Head Quarters.
Province of Quebec. Quebec, 11th March 1873.

Sir,

I am directed by the Deputy Adjutant General Commanding 7th Military District to express his satisfaction of having received a letter from The Honble Charles Alleyn, Sheriff and Returning Officer for Quebec east tendering his best thanks to you and also to the Officers, non-commissioned Officers and men under your command for your valuable services

in turning out on the 3rd and 4th instant in aid of the Civil Power.

The temper of the Force was admirable, not a blow was struck in anger, though there was much provocation, and he is certain that every soldier rejoices that he was not necessitated to injure a fellow Citizen, which he knows that had it been required however unpleasant to all, very strong repressive measures would have been taken.

I have, &c. &c.

Signed. E. Lamontagne Lt. Col:
Brigade Major.

Lt. Col: Strange
Com'dg School of Gunnery.
Quebec.

On the 12th the Battery paraded in marching order with snowshoes and moccasins each man carrying his blanket, and marched into the country 8 miles and bivouacked for the night. One days rations were taken with them on toboggans.

This was for the purpose of testing the practibility of the Battery being able to take the field in mid-winter.

On the 22nd orders were issued for the carrying out the Annual 9 Pr. and 32 Pr. gun practice during the next few days.

The orders do not say where this practice was carried out from, but it is presumed from the Citadel for the 32 Pr., and on the river for the 9 Pr.; the 9 Pr. guns were on sleighs - the ranges were on the ice.

Major J. Fraser was appointed Acting Quartermaster on the 1st April. — Battery order 30.3.'73.

Twelve Non-commissioned Officers and men qualified as marksmen at 32 Pr. gun practice for 1873-'74. — Battery order 23.4.'73

Provision was made by the following General order for discharge by purchase :-

Militia General Orders.

Head Quarters,

Ottawa, 23rd May 1873.

Schools of Gunnery.

In future when any non-commissioned officer or man of A or B Batteries of Artillery, Schools of Gunnery, applies for his discharge before the completion of his twelve months course, the application is to be accompanied with a certificate from the Captain of the Battery, that the applicant has lodged in his hands, as compensation for kit, a sum of money calculated in each case at the rate of two dollars per month of unexpired Engagement.

On the 3rd June a Detachment of one Officer, and 17 Non-commissioned Officers and men, proceeded to St. Helen's Island, Montreal, to relieve a detachment there. — Battery Order 2.6.'73.

Sir George E. Cartier, Minister of Militia having died in England, his remains were sent out by the British Government for interment.

On the landing of the remains, the Battery fired minute guns from the Citadel, and furnished a Guard of Honour and Escort — Battery Orders 7th & 8th June 1873.

to the French Cathedral and back. The Band and a detachment under Lieut: La Rue were also sent up to Montreal with the remains.

During the firing of the minute guns, an unfortunate accident happened. Bomb:r Eli Welfare while sponging out was blown from his gun and killed. A memorial tablet was subsequently erected to his memory by the Battery.

A Detachment of 20 N. C. Officers and men were sent up to Manitoba on the 10th June, for service with the Provisional Artillery Battalion there. — Battery order 7.6.'73.

On the 2nd July a Battery School for children was opened. — Battery order 26.6.'73.

The Battery marched to Lake Beauport and went into Camp there on the 21st July and returned on the 25th. — Battery order 19.7.'73.

On the 28th a Detachment of 14 men proceeded to St. Helen's Island, Montreal, to be there stationed. — Battery order 26.7.'73.

Lieut: Short and 8 N.C. Officers and men proceeded to St. Helen's Island, Montreal. — Battery order 8.8.'73.

Twelve Non-commissioned officers and men qualified at rifle practice as marksmen for '73-'74. Sergeant Baldwin having qualified as a marksman at both gun and rifle practice, won the silver cup presented by Major Montizambert, and the silver badges and bronze cross guns — Battery order 11.7.'73.

presented by Lieut. Colonel Strange, the Commandant.

On the 19th August a very disastrous fire occurred in the city, and the Battery turned out to render assistance.

In recognition of this service the Commandant received the following letter and resolution:-

City Hall.
City Clerk's Office.
Quebec, 24th August 1893.

Lieut. Colonel Strange
Commanding "B" Battery.

Sir,

I have the honour by direction of His Worship the Mayor, to transmit you herewith, copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the City Council at a special meeting held yesterday, being the first meeting which has taken place since the late fire, and consequently the first opportunity that the Council has had of publicly acknowledging the valuable services rendered by you and the Officers and men under your command, to the City of Quebec.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant.
signed G. Fages.
Asst. City Clerk.

City Hall.
Quebec, 27th August 1873.

At a special meeting of the Council of the City of Quebec held on the 26th instant, it was unanimously resolved,

"That the best thanks of the Council are due and are hereby tendered to Lieut: Colonel Strange commanding the "B" Battery and to the officers and men of the said corps for the valuable assistance given by them to the Citizens at the disastrous fire which occurred in this city on the 19th instant and caused the destruction of so much valuable property, and that without their intelligent and timely services, a much greater loss of property would have to be deplored and that His Worship the Mayor be kindly requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to Colonel Strange within the shortest possible delay."

Certified.
Signed. G. Fages.
Asst: City Clerk.

Lieut: Sheppard, Quebec V. G. A. attached for a short course from 1st September. Battery orders 1.9.73

A Recreative Club was formed, comprising, cricket, football, boxing, single-sticks, athletics generally, theatricals, minstrels, and all other amusements. The club was called the United Club.

On the 4th October, the Annual Athletic Sports took place.

On the 10th. October, a Detachment of Six Gunners proceeded to St. Helen's Island, Montreal, to be stationed there.

Battery orders. 10-10-'73.

The Gymnasium was opened for instruction on the 13th. November, and prizes were offered for :- 1st. The best gymnast.
2nd. The man who makes the most progress.
3rd. The most regular attendant.
and, also for fencing, boxing, and sword & bayonet Exercises. Also an English class was formed for the French speaking soldiers who wished to learn English.

Battery order 13.11.'73.

Meteorological observations were under-taken on the 17th. November, to be transmitted to the Toronto Magnetic Observatory.

Battery order 4. 17.11.'73.

Lieut: Short proceeded to St. Helen's Island, Montreal, to relieve Lieut: Devine, in command of the Detachment there.

Battery Order 3.12.'73.

A Detachment of Eight Non-commissioned Officers and men proceeded to St. Helen's Island, Montreal on the 15th. December, to relieve a similar number rejoining Head Quarters.

Battery order 11.12.'73.

The following extracts referring to the Battery are taken from the Annual Reports of the Acting Adjutant General of Militia, and the Commandant of the School :-

Extract from the Annual Report of Lieut: Col: Walker Powell, Acting Adjutant General of Militia, Canada - Head Quarters, Ottawa, Jany 1874:-

## Schools of Instruction.

The two Schools of Gunnery at Kingston and Quebec, continue to afford a satisfactory means of instructing officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the artillery. These schools have been most successful since their organization, and there seems to be no difficulty in keeping the strength up to the full establishment.

Seven officers, and 136 non-commissioned officers and men have joined the School at Kingston, and seven officers and 150 non-commissioned officers and men have joined the school at Quebec, during the year ending 31st December 1873. Special reports made by the respective Commandants on the state and conditions of the schools are attached hereto, to which your attention is invited.

Extract from the Report on "B" Battery School of Gunnery, by Lieut: Col: T. B. Strange, Commandant "B" Battery, School of Gunnery.

Citadel, Quebec,
31st December 1873.

Sir,

If the name of Artillery Schools was substituted for that of Gunnery, it would give a fairer idea of the subjects of instruction.

Since the issue of the liberal General Order (23rd May 1873) which allows men to obtain their discharge on payment of the small sum of two dollars ($2.) per month of unexpired engagement, as a compensation to Government for the wear and tear of uniforms &c., there is no excuse for the crime of desertion, which

is generally accompanied by the theft of uniform and regimental necessaries. I would recommend a reward of ten dollars ($10) to be paid for the apprehension of each deserter.

Return (H) shows the several militia batteries to which the officers, non-commissioned officers, and gunners of "B" Battery belong, or have been enrolled, but there is no adequate means of compelling men who leave the battery after a long course, to turn out with the militia corps in which they are enrolled, or to return to the district from which they came. This part of the original scheme seems to have failed in its object in the Province of Quebec; those who join for a long course generally wish to follow a permanent military career, which the present system does not contemplate.

I would recommend the Gunnery Schools to be regarded as distinct corps of Canadian artillery embodied for duty, the care of forts, armament, &c., and to serve as instructors to the militia artillery, detachments of which should be attached as supernumeraries, especially during winter, when work and trade is dull.

A good class of men would be procured for training who are not a floating population, and would return to their militia corps; no man in a good position can leave his work during the busy season for any lengthened period.

Officers and non-commissioned officers of the Gunnery School should, I think, be allowed to retain their militia rank, and be borne on the list of their corps (names in italics) — returning to them during the drill season

to assist in training. They would be a reliable Element of professional ability in case of need.

On the 4th and 5th March 1873, the services of "B" Battery were called for in conjunction with the 8th Battalion or "Stadacona" Rifles, and the Quebec Cavalry, to aid the Civil Power during the election for Quebec Centre.

The garrison duties, care of forts, armament &c. at Quebec, Point Levis and Montreal, which formerly devolved on three Batteries of Royal Artillery, a company of Royal Engineers, an Imperial Regiment of Infantry, and the depôt company of the 2nd Battalion Quebec Rifles at Montreal, have been a heavy task on a battery of 160 of all ranks, who have been at the same time instructing, and being instructed in the duties of both Field and Garrison Artillery, while a large proportion of Officers, non-commissioned officers and men have been, in consequence of the short time of Engagement, constantly changing.

The shot, shell — 10,000 rounds — and artillery stores, had to be moved from the whole of the town lines in consequence of instructions received. The amount of labour in removing 10,000 shot and shell, and the proportion of other artillery stores, can scarcely be realized, Except by those Engaged in the duty.

The Annual gun practice was carried out partly on the ice of the St. Charles river, with smooth-bore 32 Pr. guns, taken down from the town lines for that purpose; practice was also carried on from smooth-bore 9 Pr. field guns on sleighs, as well as from the 7 inch breech-loading rifle gun in the King's Bastion.

The mortar practice, from the Levis Curtain and from St. Helen's Island, Montreal.

The return of practice of "B" Battery, bears favorable comparison with that carried out by the picked detachments of British Volunteer Artillery at Shoeburyness.

The usual prizes for good shooting were not provided for in the estimates for last year.

I would strongly recommend the formation of a Canadian Artillery Association, on something of the same principles as the National Artillery Association of England. I think it would contribute much to emulation among Volunteer Artillery, and conduce to efficiency, as the Dominion Rifle Association does so permanently, in the case of the Infantry, especially if picked gun detachments were sent home from the various Provinces to compete with the English Volunteer Artillery at Shoeburyness.

If they accompanied the Dominion Rifle detachment, permission might be obtained for them, through the kindness of the War Department, to go through a short course at Woolwich Arsenal and Shoeburyness, during the interval between the Wimbledon and Shoeburyness competitions, while a few selected officers might be allowed to attend the Autumn Manoeuvres, School of Musketry at Hythe, Cavalry at Maidstone, and signalling and siege operations at Chatham.

Small arm practice was carried out at the Engineer Park, Point Levis, in the month of July 1873.

Winter marches on snowshoes, concluding with a bivouac in the woods

beyond Charlesbourg, gave some little Experience of the difficulties of winter operations in the coldest portion of Her Majesty's Dominions.

A summer camp of "B" Battery for a week, was formed at Lake Beauport, where Skirmishing in the woods, Surveying, Swimming, and athletic sports, were conducive to the instruction, health, and enjoyment of all ranks; no Expense was incurred by Government, rations being brought out by the battery horses and forage waggons to the summer Camp; provisions and camp kettles, &c., were drawn out to the winter bivouac on toboggins by the men themselves. The French Canadians were, of course, quite at home in the woods; the conduct of the men was Excellent, and no complaints were made by the inhabitants of the neighbourhood, or the proprietors, Messrs. Gethings and J. Lepin, who liberally gave permission to collect firewood &c.

A Reconnaissance Report, and military sketch of the Kennebec Road towards the frontier, was Executed by a party of Officers, at their own Expense.

It would perhaps be beyond my province to comment upon the recommendation of schools for all arms, by the late Adjutant General, but I beg strongly to submit that the numerical strength of "B" Battery is utterly inadequate for the requirements of duty and artillery instruction. The duties of garrison and field artillery being as distinct as those of cavalry and infantry, only that each of the artillery branches is far more difficult, and takes much longer to learn.

I am of opinion that for each Gunnery School a Garrison Battery, and one of Field Artillery, with at least one captain and two Subalterns, one Sergeant Major, one quartermaster sergeant, six sergeants, six corporals, six bombardiers, one trumpeter and 125 gunners or drivers is required for each battery.

The captain would be much occupied with pay and discipline, but the subalterns, duly qualified in time, might each take a subject to teach as a speciality, such as surveying, or fortification, or military law, &c.

The field battery should consist at least of four guns, four ammunition waggons, and forty horses; with less than that number, it would be impracticable to teach Field Battery movements. Mounted officers should be permitted to draw a forage ration for their private horses, used for Government purposes, as allowed at the Cavalry school last year. Militia Artillery officers, non-commissioned officers and gunners should be attached, supernumerary for "short courses" to field or garrison batteries, as the case might be; their instruction being confined to their special arm.

At Quebec the present staff of one Surgeon, one adjutant, one quartermaster, one quartermaster sergeant, one office clerk, one hospital sergeant, one provost sergeant could perform the duties for a school of all arms, provided the artillery, cavalry, and infantry, were all in the Citadel, which has accomodation for 600 men, but not for the proportion of officers — half of the officers' quarters and the mess-room being occupied as a Summer

residence by His Excellency the Governor General.
I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.
signed T. B. Strange, Lt. Col:
Commandant "B" Battery
School of Gunnery.

The
Acting Adjutant General of Militia
Ottawa.

The following officers were attached to "B" Battery during 1873:-

| Rank | Names | Battery of Artillery in which Enrolled | Date of Admission | Remarks. |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Lieut: | Gordon T. C. | Montreal G. A. | 30. 3. '73 | |
| Lt. Col: | Houghton C. F. | D. A. General. Victoria | 19. 5. '73 | |
| Lieut: | De-Lacy W. H. B. C. | Quebec F. B. | 23. 5. '73 | |
| " | Duchesnay E. | Beauce F. B. | 23. 5. '73 | |
| " | Sheppard H. | Quebec G. A. | 1. 9. '73 | |
| Mr. | Gautier F. E. | Navy. | | |
| Lieut: | Lindsay C. | Quebec F. B. | | |

# 1874.

The Battery paraded under arms on the 22nd January 1874, in aid of the Civil Power, in view of probable riots. They were evidently called out for on the 29th (vide letter in B. orders 31-1-74)

Battery after order 21. 1. '74

A Guard of Honour paraded, and a salute of 15 guns was fired, on the 28th January, on the occasion of the prorogation of the Provincial Parliament of Quebec.

Battery orders 27. 1. '74.

A Guard of Honour was also detailed under command of Major Montizambert, with Lieuts. La Rue and Sheppard, on the 7th February do.

Battery order 5. 2. '74.

On the formation of the North West Mounted Police, Volunteers from the Battery were called for. Those volunteering were compelled to pay $2 per month for unexpired time which amount was stopped by Lieut. Colonel French Commanding the Northwest Mounted Police.

Battery order. 7-3-'74

In response to this call ten N. C. Officers and men volunteered, and were accepted, and left for the Northwest on the 18th April.

Battery order 17. 4. '74.

The Annual heavy gun practice was carried out on the 26th and 27th March, and the

Annual 9 Pr. gun practice on the 8th April on sleighs. Battery order 7.4.'74.

The Battery was called out on the 16th and 17th April, in aid of the Civil Power, in case of riot over the elections. Battery orders 15th & 16.4.'74

Lieut: Devine proceeded to St. Helen's Island, Montreal, to relieve Lieut: Short in command of the Detachment there. Battery order 13.5.'74.

Twelve men qualifed as marksmen at gun practice, and the usual prizes and badges were awarded. Battery order 21-5.'74.

A Guard of Honour was detailed and a salute of 17 guns was fired on the 6th June, on the arrival of His Excellency the Governor General. Battery orders 5.6.'74.

On the 10th July 1874, the following General order gazetting Officers to "B" Battery was published:-

Head Quarters.

Ottawa, 10th July 1874.

Province of Quebec.

"B" Battery School of Gunnery.

To be Captain:

Brevet Major Charles E. Montizambert, G.S. from late Quebec Provisional Brigade of Garrison Arty.

To be Lieutenants:

Maurice E. J. Duchesnay, G.S. formerly Captain late Beauce Field Battery.

Captain Charles John Short, G.S. from Sherbrooke Battery of Garrison Artillery.

2nd Lieut: Oscar Prevost, G.S. from Montreal Brigade of Garrison Artillery.

Charles Auguste La Rue, G.S. formerly

1st Lieutenant late Beauce Field Battery.
and the following gave the Lieutenants additional Militia rank:

Militia General Orders.

Head Quarters, Ottawa,

24th July 1874.

Province of Quebec.

"B" Battery School of Gunnery.

In addition to Lieutenant and Captain Charles John Short, from Sherbrooke Battery of Garrison Artillery, who retains the rank of Captain, the following Officers, Lieutenants in "B" Battery, will also hereby have the rank of Captain in the Militia, from 10th July 1874:

Lieutenant Maurice E. J. Duchesnay.
" Oscar Prevost.
" Charles Auguste La Rue.

A Detachment consisting of one Officer and 23 N.C. Officers and men proceeded to St. Helen's Island, Montreal on the 13th July, to relieve a similar detachment there. — Battery orders 11. 7. '74

In July and August the different Sub-Divisions of the Battery went over to the Camp at Levis, in turn, for their annual ball practice.

On the 20th August, the Battery marched to Lake Beauport and went into Camp there, returning to the Citadel on the 5th September. — Battery order 19. 7. '74

Twelve N. C. Officers and men qualified as marksmen at the annual small arm practice for 1874. — Battery orders 29. 9. '74

On the 6th October an order dividing the Battery into Right and Left Divisions was published.

A Guard of Honour paraded and a salute of 13 guns was fired on the arrival of the Mail Steamer from England, having on board ?

Battery orders 13.10.'74.

A Guard of Honour was detailed and a salute fired on the 10th November on the arrival of the Major General Commanding, who inspected the Battery on this date,

Battery orders 9.11.'74.

He was given a similar guard and salute, on the 12th instant, on his departure for Montreal.

The Annual Mortar practice was carried out on the 19th instant.

Battery orders 25.11.'74

On the 3rd December, a Guard of Honour was furnished and a salute of 15 guns was fired on the occasion of opening the Session of Parliament of the Province of Quebec, on receiving His Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the Parliament Buildings.

The following General Orders were published on the 4th December 1874:-

Militia General Orders.

Head Quarters,

Ottawa. 4th December 1874.

5. The Officer Commanding the Detachment

of "B" Battery on St. Helen's Island will exercise his men in the use of the Fire Engine one day in each month, reporting the result to the Officer Commanding the Battery.

6. The sum of twenty dollars each, per annum, has been authorized to assist the men's Library and Reading Room of "A" and "B" Batteries, Schools of Gunnery. Such allowance to commence with the current financial year.

By an order published, the Band is to form part of the left section. Battery orders 11.12.74.

The following extracts from the Annual Reports are of interest.

Extract from the Report of Major General E. Selby Smyth, Commanding the Militia.

Head Quarters, Ottawa,
January 1875.

The Honorable
The Minister of Militia and Defence, &c. &c.

Sir,

The successful experiment of enrolling two batteries of artillery as training Schools for that arm, under two very capable officers of the Royal Artillery, invite us at once to convert these into Brigade Schools for the three arms.

The artillery derive manifest benefit from the admirably conducted Gunnery Schools at Quebec and Kingston, whose commandants lent from the Royal Artillery, take praiseworthy pains to instruct officers and men. The good result throughout that branch is as

apparent, as would be that of the schools of the other arms if similarly organized.

I invite your attention to the reports of the Commandants of the Schools of Gunnery; the benefits arising from these institutions, as I have already said, cannot be too highly prized.

If it were possible, these batteries should be even upon a larger basis, uniting instruction in both Garrison and Field Artillery, the duties of which are widely different.

Branch Gunnery Schools at Montreal and Toronto, where detachments of these batteries are respectively stationed, would greatly extend their utility by enabling officers and volunteer gunners in those populous cities and rural districts adjoining, to attend for short course studies, which the great distance from Quebec or Kingston frequently prevents.

If the pay of Officers attending for short or long course studies was increased from $1 to $1½ per diem, many more would be induced to take advantage of these schools, who now hesitate to do so, finding the allowance does not meet the obligatory expenses of living.

Moreover, it would be signally advantageous to these schools if each Field battery consisted of four guns, completely horsed, instead of the present insufficient number.

The term Artillery schools would, I think, be more appropriate than that of "Gunnery" as at present, and more expressive of the instruction derived there.

I have the honour to be, Sir
Your obedient servant.
signed, E. Selby Smyth
Major General.

Report on "B" Battery School of Gunnery.

Citadel, Quebec,

31st December 1874.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward a synopsis of the instruction carried out for the last three years in "B" Battery Gunnery School, and beg to state that not having a sufficient staff of assistants, I desire, with your permission to lower the standard of instruction by omitting from the "Long Course," mathematics, as applied to the higher gunnery problems, military history, and the construction of siege batteries, rafts and bridges, for which there is a difficulty in obtaining the necessary material, as well as working parties from the multiplicity of duties devolving on the small force under my command.

I need not in this report, I presume, refer in detail to the recommendations previously submitted with reference to the sub-division of the 174 of all ranks of "B" Battery into a brigade of 3 batteries of 80 each, one serving as a branch School of Gunnery at Montreal, which has already been at work for two years without any expense, as yet, to the Government beyond the pay of the officer and non-commissioned officer and 20 men of the St. Helen's Island detachment "B" Battery. It is scarcely necessary to refer to the facility with which cavalry and infantry drills could also be taught by such an establishment as proposed.

Deputy Adjt. Genl. of Militia, Ottawa } signed. T. B. Strange Lt. Colonel, Inspr. of Arty. & Comdt. Gunnery Schools, Quebec.

The following Officers were attached to "B" Battery during 1874 :-

| Rank | Names | | Battery of Arty in which Enrolled. | Date of admission | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lieut: | Lindsay | J. | Quebec F. B. | 2. 1. '74 | |
| " | Duchesnay | E. | Beauce G. A. | 3. 1. '74 | |
| Capt: | Lampson | F. | Militia Staff. | 2. 2. '74 | |
| Major | Slous | J. | Gaspe B. G. A. | 4. 2. '74 | |
| Capt: | Taschereau | E. | Fort Garry G. A. | 3. 4. '74 | |
| Lieut: | Boswell | St. G. | Montreal Engrs. | 13. 4. '74 | |
| " | White | G. R. | Militia Que. | 1. 12. '74 | |

# 1875.

On the 13th February, a Total Abstinence Society was formed. — Battery order 12.2.'75

A Guard of Honour was furnished and a salute of 15 guns fired on the 23rd February, on the opening of Parliament.

Lieut: W. Imlah joined on the 17th instant. He was afterwards appointed Quartermaster.

On the 4th March, the Commandant authorized the issue of Good conduct pay of 50 cents a month to all Bombardiers and Gunners, two years clear of the Defaulters Book, to be paid out of the fines account. — Battery Order 3. 4.3.'75.

A Detachment of 10 non-commissioned Officers and men proceeded to St Helen's Island, Montreal, on the 9th instant. — Battery order 8.5.'75

The following order authorizing the Enlistment of men for 3 years was published. Prior to this time, men could only join for one year, (a long course.)

"It is notified for general information, authority "has been issued for the enrolment in 'B' Battery "for such periods not exceeding three years as "the Government may think fit of all men who "join the Battery for a long course, and "who do not belong to any Battery of active "Militia. Any discharge of men so Enrolled "will only be sanctioned on special grounds, "duly approved at Head Quarters." — Battery order 5. 7.5.'75.

With reference to the above, the following was also published in Battery Orders of 19th May:—

Non-commissioned Officers and men re-engaging in "B" Battery for a term of three

years, are informed that authority has been received, by which, when discharges are approved of before the expiration of their term of service, paying to Government compensation for clothing, such compensation will not exceed that now claimed viz:- $2. per month of the unexpired part of the then current year of their engagement.

On the 1st June, the Battery proceeded to Engineer Park, Levis, for Annual ball practice. — Battery order 31. 5. '75.

The Commandant issued an order, styling the Engineer Park, "Artillery Park." — Battery order 3. 6. '75.

The Battery sustained a severe loss in the death of Sergeant Major Clifford.

The following Battery order will suffice to show how he was appreciated:-

"The Commandant announces with extreme regret, the death of Assistant Gunnery Instructor J. Clifford R. A. Sergeant Major of "B" Battery Gunnery School, Quebec, an exemplary non-commissioned officer with the highest sense of duty, and professional attainments far above the position he held. The successful development and discipline of "B" Battery Canadian Artillery, is in a measure due to the untiring energy, fidelity, and ability of Assistant Gunnery Instructor J. Clifford, Royal Artillery."

On the 12th May a Guard of Honour was furnished, and a salute of 15 guns was fired on the prorogation of Parliament. — Battery order 11. 5. '75.

The Annual Rifle Matches took place on the 21st. and 22nd. July.

Battery order 20.7.75

On the 23rd. July a detachment of 43 non-commissioned officers and men under an officer went into Camp at Orleans Island for 9 Pr. gun practice, returning at the end of the month.

Eight men volunteered for service at Red River, and were struck off the strength of the Battery on the 3rd. August.

Battery order 26.7.75

Marksmen for small arm and 9 Pr. practice. Twelve non-commissioned officers and men of each qualified, and were published in orders.

Battery order 20.8.75

Badges and prizes were presented on 29th. August.

On the 31st. August, one Surgeon, one Officer and ten non-commissioned officers and men were attached to the Quebec Field Battery, during their training in Camp.

Battery orders 28 & 31.8.75

On the 14th. September, a night school was started for the instruction of non-commissioned officers and men, who wished to attend.

On the evening of the 28th. November 1875, a serious fire occurred at the gas-works, just as the people were returning from church, and the result was an immense crowd collected which the police were unable to handle. They therefore called for the services of the Battery to disperse the people as a big explosion was feared. For this service they were thanked

by the Chief of Police in a letter to the Commandant, dated 29th November 1875.

Winter caps of new pattern (wedge shape) were taken into wear on the 13th December.

Hitherto the winter caps were of the bucket shape (R. A. pattern)

A Guard of Honour was detailed and a salute of 17 guns fired on the 17th October in honour of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

Battery order 16.10.75.

A Guard of Honour paraded and a salute was fired on the 22nd October on the arrival of His Excellency the Governor General.

Battery orders 20.10.75.

A Guard of Honour was detailed and a salute of 15 guns was fired on the 4th and 5th November, on the occasion of opening the first session of the third Parliament of the province of Quebec.

Battery orders 3.11.75.

A Guard of Honour was detailed and a salute of 15 guns fired on the 24th December, on the occasion of proroguing Parliament.

Battery orders 23.12.75.

was fired from the King's Bastion, and a supper was given to the non-commissioned officers and men of the Battery, to commemorate the successful repulse of the Americans under General Montgomery in 1775.

A novel feature of the ball was the appearance of a guard of Honour over captured trophies - composed of non-commissioned officers and men of the Battery dressed in the Artillery uniform of 1775. The officers were also dressed in the uniform of that period.

The following extracts from the Annual Reports, by the Major General Commanding, and the Commandant of the School are hereby stated:-

Extract from the Annual Report on the Militia, by Major General E. Selby Smyth:-

Head Quarters, Ottawa.
1st January 1876.

Sir,

Schools of Gunnery.

I have left mention of these to the end, hoping to see the reports of the commandants, Lieutenant Colonels Strange and Irwin, two officers of the Royal Artillery whose high professional education and practical experience have enabled them to devote their talents to the developement of these valuable schools in whose interest they spare neither pains or labor.

The good results produced by these two "A" and "B" batteries, through the various garrison and field batteries of the country, are very marked; the presence in their ranks of volunteer officers, non-commissioned

officers and gunners who have received instruction in these schools is in the highest degree beneficial. These results were very apparent in the handling and drill of the various batteries I saw in the camps of Exercise this season, there was no apparent hesitation, orders were understood and executed with promptness and precision, and positions taken up rapidly and with judgment.

The steadiness of the artillery horses was a remarkable feature. Even when the guns were in action they appeared as quiet as old artillery horses. The guns were in general well horsed.

It is suggested the two batteries should be termed "Artillery" instead of Gunnery Schools, as more suggestive.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Signed, E. Selby Smyth.

Major General.

The Honble.
The Minister of Militia and Defence.
Ottawa.

Extract from the Report on the Artillery of the Province of Quebec, by Lieut. Colonel T. Bland Strange, Inspector of Artillery.

Dominion Artillery Association.

I have for some months past, with the aid of the Assistant Inspectors of Artillery, been endeavouring to institute a Canadian Dominion, and have met with a generally favourable response from artillery officers. His Excellency the Governor General has kindly expressed his intention of

becoming patron, as well as His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec. The Major General commanding kindly accepts the position of President, and the following circulars (N. O. P.) have been issued, after previous submission to you.

## Destruction of Barracks at St Helen's Island.

Since finishing my annual report, I have been informed with regret of the destruction by fire of the barracks at St Helen's Island. As a Board has assembled, I shall not anticipate their report, but as the same sources of danger exist at Quebec, where the artillery driver's stables are close to the magazine without a sentry or fire engine, I think it my duty to request that the attention of the Major General Commanding may be drawn to my report for 1873 (page 41) as it was submitted before his arrival in this country. I need not recapitulate the recent correspondence nor the opinions of the Boards of Survey for the last two years.

## Extract of Report on 'B' Battery School of Gunnery by Lieut. Colonel T. Bland Strange the Commandant.

Citadel, Quebec, 31st December 1875.

Sir,

During the year ending 31st December 1875, two officers and 14 non-commissioned officers and men joined for a "short course."

For a "long course" of instruction, one officer and 102 non-commissioned officers and men.

Seventy four non-commissioned officers and men re-engaged.

At the Branch School, Montreal, there have been for a "short course," three officers and 34 non-commissioned officers and men.

Ten non-commissioned officers and men were selected from those who volunteered for service with the detachment of artillery in Manitoba, but as the non-commissioned officers are reduced to infantry pay on accepting this service, the best will not offer. The officers, on the contrary, are paid in accordance with Militia Regulations, paragraph 286, while those of the School of Gunnery receive a less sum.

For subalterns of the gunnery school the pay is quite insufficient to meet the requirements of uniform and subsistence.

I would respectfully submit for consideration the propriety of equalizing the rates of pay for artillery in garrison at Quebec, Kingston, and Fort Garry, and consolidating the whole into a brigade for service in any part of the Dominion. If Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to confer the title of Royal Canadian Artillery, it would much increase the efficiency of such a force.

The standard for officers' long course has been lowered, for the reason given in that document.

The usual competitive practice was carried out with heavy guns from the Citadel during the winter, for badges furnished from the Canteen funds. The rifle small arm practice was carried out at Artillery Park, Levis, and the field artillery practice in camp at the Island of Orleans. The Commandant's silver Badge for the best shot with all arms, was won by

Battery Sergeant Major C. Lavie, the only non-commissioned officer who has obtained an Officer's first class certificate.

The winter course of evening gymnastics for young soldiers has commenced.

You are aware that a printing press for examination questions, circulating changes in drill, previously submitted to You, has been established, but as yet no funds are authorized to meet the expenditure, or that for a Militia Artillery Manual, the issue of which is delayed in consequence.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Signed, T. Bland Strange Lieut. Col:
Commandant "B" Battery
School of Gunnery.

The
Adjutant General of Militia.
Ottawa.

The following is a list of the Officers who joined during the year 1875:—

| Rank | Names | Battery of artillery in which enrolled. | Date of admission | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lieut: | Imlah W. | Halifax Field Bty | 17. 2. '75 | |
| " | Irving J. D. | P. E. I. G. A. | 22. 2. '75 | |

1876.

About the middle of March, 9 Pr. M.L.R. and Smooth Bore gun practice was carried out.

Battery order 135. 15. 3. '76

The Battery joined the Dominion Artillery Association and subscribed $80. nearly all of which was offered by the Association to the Battery for prizes in competitive practice. A medal was also presented by His Excellency The Earl of Dufferin, Governor General for competition between "A" and "B" Batteries.

Battery order 12. 4. '76

This competition took place on the 3rd April and resulted in "B" Battery winning the medal with a score of 421 to "A" Battery's 309.

The Bugle Band was ordered to parade Every Evening at Tattoo, and march round by St John and Louis streets playing.

Bty order 6. 6. '76.

By letter dated 12th June from the Adjutant General, the General Officer Commanding thanks the Commandant, Officers, and men of the Battery for their services at the recent fire at Quebec.

Lieut. Colonel Strange was granted the Local rank of Lieut. Colonel in the British service, while serving as Commandant of "B" Battery, School of Gunnery, to date from 30th September 1875.

Letter from War office 14. 6. '76

On the 20th June the Battery paraded on the Esplanade for the presentation of the Governor General's medal won in the shooting competition with "A" Battery.

Bty order 19. 6. '76.

The Battery furnished the firing party for the funeral of Lieut. Colonel Casault, Deputy Adjutant General of the 7th Military District. — By order 4.7.76

The Right Division went into Camp at Levis for the Annual Musketry on the 7th July. — By orders 6.7.76

The Left Division went into Camp at Levis on the 12th August, relieving the Right Division which returned to the Citadel, and on completion of their Musketry practice, they rejoined Head Quarters on the 7th September. — By orders 10.8.76

The Field Division and a special squad went into Camp at Orleans Island for big gun practice, and returned to the Citadel on the 14th September. — By order 16.8.76.

On the 11th September 24 Pr. gun practice was carried out at Orleans Island. — By orders 9.9.76

On the 21st September the Badge and Prize winners at 9 and 24 Pr. gun practice, and at small arm practice were presented with the same at a general parade on the Esplanade. — By order 20.9.76

Captain O. A. La Rue resigned. — General order 13.10.76.

Captain and Brevet Major John Fraser attached, is appointed a Lieutenant in "B" Battery, from the 24th instant, vice La Rue resigned. — Battery order 25.10.76

On the 28th November, a new issue of busbies was made to the Battery.

## Letter of thanks.

The following letter of thanks to the Commandant of 'B' Battery, School of Gunnery, on the occasion of the funeral of the late Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Quebec, is hereby published:

Battery orders 20.12.76 & General orders 29.12.76

Province of Quebec.
Secretary's Office.
Quebec, 20th December 1876.

Sir,

On behalf of the members of the Executive Council of the Province of Quebec, I beg to tender you their very sincere thanks for the courtesy and respect shown by you to the memory of the late lamented Lieutenant Governor of this Province, by furnishing a Guard of Honor during the lying in state of his remains, and an escort at his funeral. I wish also to express their satisfaction at the exemplary

conduct of the men of the detachment on duty at Spencer Wood under the command of Captain Maurice Duchesnay, and their high sense of the discipline and soldierlike qualities displayed by that officer and his men on that occasion, qualities which reflect, however, as well on themselves as on the gallant corps to which they belong. Please convey to the Officers, non-commissioned officers and men under your command, our thorough appreciation of the manner in which they performed their arduous duties, thereby greatly enhancing the solemnity of the occasion, and effectually contributing towards the proper carrying out of the funeral obsequies of the late Chief Executive Officer of this Province.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Signed: J. A. Chapleau
Provincial Secretary.

Lt. Col: Strange
Comdt. "B" Battery S. G.
& Inspector of Artillery.
Citadel, Quebec.

The Commandant congratulates the officers and men of the Battery on the recognition of their services, conveyed so graciously by the Secretary of the Provincial Government.

Battery order 20.12.76

The following extracts from the Annual Reports, by the Major General Commanding the Militia, and the Commandant School of Gunnery Quebec, are here given :-

Extract from the Report by Major General E. Selby Smyth Commanding the Militia.

Ottawa, January 1st 1877.

Sir,

I took occasion during the autumn to inspect the two Artillery Schools and the "A" and "B" Batteries.

I found them as I expected in every respect efficient and doing thoroughly well under the indefatigable direction of Lieut: Colonels Strange and Irwin, Royal Artillery. In discipline, interior economy and knowledge of Gunnery, practically as well as scientifically, the officers and men attached to these batteries are proficient. These schools are a very valuable institution for Artillery instruction, and the good work they perform in the education of officers and gunners of the various provincial batteries who attend them for a short or long course, cannot be too highly extolled.

In last year's report I enlarged at some length upon the importance of re-arming the Citadel of Quebec and the Forts at Point Levis.

I am glad to say that 10. $\frac{64}{32}$ converted muzzle-loading rifled guns will be sent out to Quebec early in the ensuing open season, and mounted on the works.

Last summer I was authorized to place a 7 inch breech loading gun in each of the Levis Forts, whose admirable works of the most improved modern profile and projection deserve to be armed: These heavy guns are intended to be mounted on the salient of each fort, as soon as the platforms are prepared and fitted with racers. There are now also 16 32 Pr. carronades distributed between the 3 forts and mounted in the caponniers to sweep the ditches. It is very desirable that the 7 inch guns should be mounted early in

the spring, and I should be glad to see the barbette parapets of these splendid forts more completely armed.

Signed. E. Selby Smyth
Major General.

The Honble
The Minister of Militia & Defence &c. &c. &c.

Extract from the Report on "B" Battery School of Gunnery by Lieut: Colonel T. B. Strange
Commandant Gunnery School, Quebec.
Citadel, Quebec, December 31st 1876.

Sir,

During the year ending 31st December 1876 eleven officers and ninety-nine non-commissioned officers and men joined for instruction. Of this number the officers were as follows:

3 Artillery.
1 Cavalry.
7. Infantry.

The number of applicants to join the battery for three year's service, as also for short courses of three months, is more than in previous years, and far in excess of the number sanctioned.

As it would be impossible either to carry out the garrison duties, or even provide squads for instruction, if vacancies were kept open, very eligible men have to be refused admission, because there happen to be no vacancies when they apply. They frequently ask to join without pay to take their turn of a vacancy.

Having a selection, the class of men joining the battery is not, in my opinion, inferior in physique, education or conduct to any troops it has been my lot to serve with.

The Temperance Society has averaged, during the past year, about one third the battery strength.

The Branch School has been discontinued since the loss by fire of the barracks at Montreal.

The Militia of Montreal is composed of classes in business who cannot leave the city for a course of instruction; a branch school is therefore much needed.

It is a source of gratification to me, for which I have to thank the Government and the Major General Commanding, that the pay of the officers I have instructed has been raised; but three excellent officers, who have done duty in the battery for several years, and whose services cannot well be dispensed with, are still serving on $1. per diem. Their status is unsatisfactory and not clearly defined which may lead to further complications as heretofore.

In accordance with the command of the Major General Commanding, during the past summer the forts at Levis were armed with three 7 inch breech-loading rifled guns, sixteen Caponiere carronades, and a proportion of shot, shell and carriages, &c., by "B" Battery, under command of Major Montizambert, at the small cost of $65, including hire of badges and wharf accomodation.

The battery horses doing the draught work.

The Camp for Field Artillery practice at Orleans Island was under the command of Captain Short and Lieut. Sheppard; that for musketry instruction at Engineers Park, under Captain Duchesnay, Captain White acting as Musketry Instructor. Major Frazer performed the onerous duties of Quartermaster and Supply Officer to

the two camps and the six detachments into which the battery was necessarily divided

Captain Devine was attached for duty to "A" Battery, and Captain Prevost, Adjutant of the Gunnery School, attended me in my inspections through the Maritime Provinces, and acted as the Range Officer, while I took the duty of umpire at the Batteries. Lieut: Wilson "A" Battery assisted me in a similar manner in the Province of Ontario.

The Gunnery School printing press has furnished some 1800 copies of Examination Questions, as well as 1000 copies of Artillery Manuals for the use of the Militia of the Dominion, also the necessary circulars for the Dominion Artillery Association. I beg again to respectfully draw attention to the fact, that these necessary services have not been paid for nor are the services of a Pay Sergeant or Office Clerks remunerated by Government.

While the Quebec Gunnery School has been practically expanded into a school for Officers of all arms, thereby much increasing the labour of the Staff, no adequate provision has been made for men, without which, the military art can no more be taught than chess without pawns. The most energetic and capable can only perform a certain amount of work, intellectual and physical; when more is demanded, it has to be left undone, or is done badly, and both the individual and the service suffer.

The usual winter course of Evening gymnastics for young soldiers has been continued.

The system of bi-hourly meteorological observations, by means of the non-Commissioned officers of the guard relieving sentries, has been also continued.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant.
Signed, T. B. Strange Lt. Col: R.A.
Commandant Gunnery School.
Quebec.

To
The Adjutant General of Militia
Ottawa.

During the year 1876, the Battery was called upon to furnish Guards of Honour, and Salutes as follows:-

On the 7th June a Guard of Honour was detailed at the Music Hall, Quebec. — Battery orders 6.6.76

A Guard of Honour was furnished and a salute fired on the 16th June, on the arrival of His Excellency the Governor General, and a Guard of Honour paraded on the 17th instant, on his departure from Quebec. — Battery orders 14 & 15.6.76.

A Guard of Honour to receive His Excellency the Governor General was furnished on the 21st instant at the Music Hall. — Battery orders 20.6.76.

A Guard of Honour and the usual Salute was furnished on the 28th instant on the departure of His Excellency the Governor General. — Battery orders 27.6.76

A Guard of Honour, with the usual salute, was detailed on the 6th November, on the arrival of Major General Selby Smyth. — Battery orders 6.11.76

On the 10th and 11th November, a Guard of Honour and salute of 15 guns, was furnished to receive His Honor the Lieutenant Governor on the occasion of the opening of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at the Parliament Buildings. — Battery orders 9.11.76.

A Guard of Honour with the usual salute, was furnished on the 16th instant, to the Lieut: Governor. — Battery orders 16.12.76

A salute of 15 guns was fired, and a Guard of Honour furnished on the 28th Decr., on the occasion of the prorogation of the Parliament of Quebec.

The following is a list of the officers who joined during the year 1876:—

| Rank. | Names. | | Battery of Artillery in which Enrolled | date of admission | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lieut: | Molson | J.W. | Montreal G.A. | 22.6.76. | |
| Major | Gray | F.W. | Canddian Hussars | 1.2.76 | |
| Ensign | Ouimet | G. | Montreal G.A. | 1.5.76 | |
| Lieut: | Pache | G.E. | Kamouraska | 1.5.76 | |
| Capt: | Vince | D.Mc | 67th Light Infy | 10.5.76 | |
| " | Brunet | Z. | Portneuf Prov. By | 13.5.76 | |
| " | Paquette | J.A. | Do. | 13.5.76 | |
| Lieut: | Dean | C.S. | 1st Royal Lanark. | 6.11.76 | |
| Major | Fraser | A. | Kamouraska | 23.11.76 | |
| Lieut: | Imlah | W. | Halifax F.B. | 8.11.76 | |
| Capt: | Price | P. | Summerside | 4.12.76 | |

# 1877.

Master Gunner James B. Donaldson was granted the rank of Lieutenant in the Militia.

General orders 26.1.77.

Captain and Brevet Major C.E. Montizambert to be granted Lieutenant Colonel from the 8th February 1877.

General Orders 23.2.77.

In March a Canadian Manual of Artillery Exercises was printed and published at the School of Gunnery Press.

Several $\frac{64}{32}$ R.M.L. guns arrived from England for the armament, in May.

On the 3rd June, six Non-commissioned Officers and men, volunteers for the North-West Mounted Police, were struck off the strength for that purpose.

Battery orders 2.6.77.

On the 12th June, Lieutenant Imlah completed a Long Course and was struck off the strength.

Battery orders 13.6.77.

The Battery and Head Quarters proceeded in marching order to Camp at Levis on the 9th July.

Battery orders 7.7.77.

On the 21st and 22nd August the Battery was inspected by the General Officer Commanding, Sir Selby Smyth, in Camp at Levis.

Battery orders. 20.8.77.

On the 22nd August Lieut Sheppard was detailed to take over the duties of Battery –

Quartermaster.

On the 23rd August a number of men were awarded prizes and badges for gymnastics and riding authorized by the General Officer Commanding. Battery orders 23 & 24. 8. 77.

Captain P. O. J. Hebert 65th Battalion joined for a short course on the 7th September. He was afterwards commissioned in the Battery. Battery orders 7. 9. 77.

On the 7th September, the Demi-Field Battery and Garrison Artillery marksmen proceeded to Camp at Orleans Island, to carry out the annual gun practice. They returned on the 29th. —do—

On the 13th September, the Battery and Head Quarters returned from Camp to the Citadel. Battery orders. 12. 9. 77.

On the 24th September the annual 9 Pr. R. M. L. gun practice competition for His Excellency the Governor General's Medal, took place at Orleans Island. Battery orders. 23 & 24. 9. 77.

On the 27th September the S. B. gun practice was carried out. Battery orders 26. 9. 77.

On the 11th October, prizes for 9 Prs R. M. L. and 24 Prs S. B. gun practice were awarded to Eight non-commissioned officers and men.

Dominion Artillery Association Badges were also granted, and money prizes awarded

to the four most efficient drivers of the demi-field Battery.

In the competition between "A" Battery (Kingston) and "B" Battery (Quebec) Schools of Gunnery, the medal presented by His Excellency, the Earl of Dufferin, Governor General, has been won by "A" Battery with a score of 379 points, against "B" Battery with a score of 359 points.

General orders 19.10.77.

Acting Bombardier George Adams of "A" Battery having the highest individual score obtains the Medal.

On the 23rd October, the Regimental School for children opened.

On the 28th November a Requisition was received from three magistrates to hold in readiness to turn out at a moment's notice for the disposal of the Returning Officer of the elections.

Battery order 27.11.77.

Accordingly the men were kept under arms, the Demi Field Battery as Cavalry.

On the 7th December, the Battery carried out the Dominion Artillery Association Shifting Ordnance Competition at the Drill shed.

At the same time at a Dress parade, the Dufferin Medal for the best essay, on the supply, care, and repair of artillery matériel, including small arms, and ammunition for Canadian Militia was presented by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, to Lieutenant Colonel Montizambert, the winner.

On the 19th December the following Battery order was published:-

Battery order 19.12.77

"From this date all non-commissioned officers and men enlisting or re-engaging in "B" Battery will be called upon to sign an agreement to the effect that they sanction a daily stoppage of 5 cents from their pay, to be lodged in the Union Bank of Lower Canada in the name of the Commanding Officer of the Battery, the amount with interest being returned to them on the completion of their term of Enlistment or re-engagement."

This was the beginning of the system of deferred pay which was afterwards adopted by the Department and introduced in the Regulation.

During the year 1877, the Battery was called upon to furnish the following Guards of Honour and Salutes:-

A Guard of Honour was furnished on the 22nd January to receive His Honour the

Battery order 22.1.77.

Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Quebec.

A Guard of Honour with the usual salute was furnished on the 20th June on the arrival of His Excellency the Governor General. | Battery Orders 20. 6. 77

The 1st July falling on Sunday of this year, a Royal Salute was fired on the 2nd instant, also the Battery paraded in Review Order and fired a feu-de-joie, on the anniversary of Dominion Day. | —"— 30. 6. 77

A Guard of Honour with the usual salute was furnished on the 16th July on the departure of His Excellency the Governor General. | —"— 16. 7. 77

On the 31st July a salute of 13 guns was fired on the arrival of the Major General Commanding. | —"— 30. 7. 77.

A Guard of Honour was furnished on the 21st August, to receive Admiral Sir Ashley Cooper Key. | —"— 21. 8. 77

On the 23rd August a Guard of Honour was furnished on the departure of the Major General Commanding. | —"— 23. 8. 77

A Guard of Honour composed of a Detachment of B Battery, and a Detachment of the Montreal Field Battery, paraded under command of Lieut: Colonel Stevenson to receive His Honor the Lieutenant Governor at the Exhibition Building. | —"— 17. 9. 77.

A Guard of Honour, and mounted Escort, also a Salute of 15 guns was furnished on the 25th October, on the arrival from Montreal of the Lieutenant General Commanding.

Battery order 24.10.'77

A Guard of Honour and usual salute was given on the 19th December, to receive His Honor the Lieutenant Governor on the occasion of the opening of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec.

— 18.12.'77.

Extracts from the Report of Lieut: General E. Selby Smyth, Commanding the Militia.

Head Quarters, Ottawa.
1st January 1878.

Sir,

We have at present three permanent and very important establishments at work, which will produce solid effects in the future progress of this growing country. They are all three but young and budding as yet, though two of them are old enough to have borne good and productive fruit. I refer to the two Gunnery or Artillery Schools, termed "A" and "B" Batteries, and to the Military College at Kingston.

I have not yet received the reports of the Dominion Inspectors of Artillery, and the Commandants of "A" and "B" Battery, Schools of Gunnery. These two officers, Lieut: Colonels Strange and Irwin, Royal Artillery, have no need of further commendation from me; their professional acquirements are of the first order, and the zeal which they ably apply in the performance of their duties, sometimes under

difficult circumstances, entitle them to the credit I have the pleasure to award them. Their reports, always searching and instructive, will speak for themselves, and I am sure will receive all the attention they fully deserve if I may be permitted to prejudge by the high character as artillerymen these Officers possess.

I inspected both these permanent batteries during the autumn, commanded respectively by Lieut. Colonel Montizambert and Lieut.-Colonel Cotton, two Canadian gentlemen of high abilities and fully qualified for the important posts they efficiently fill. "B" Battery I scrutinized minutely at the Levis Camp, and I cannot too well express my satisfaction with the proficiency attained by it, which applies equally to "A" Battery. The value of these Artillery Schools in instructing Officers and men of the Garrison and Field Batteries of the Dominion, is proved by the efficiency of the Artillery generally.

In the course of the summer, ten new rifled Palliser $\frac{64}{32}$ pounder guns have been added to the armament of Quebec and mounted on the ramparts, and these with the armament already in position, will pretty well lock the gates of the St. Lawrence, when artillerymen are authorized to man them: we have 200 rounds of shell for each gun.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Signed. Ed. Selby Smyth.

Lieut. General.

The

Hon. Minister of Militia & Defence,

Ottawa.

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Lieut: General.

The

Hon. Minister of Militia & Defence.

Ottawa.

Extract from Report on "B" Battery, School of Gunnery.

Citadel, Quebec, 31st December 1877.

Sir,

During the year ending 31st December 1877, 13 Officers and 210 non-commissioned Officers and men joined for instruction. Of this number the Officers were as follows:—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Officers. | Artillery | Short course | 2. |
| | | Long course | 2. |
| | Cavalry. | Short course | 1 |
| | | Long course | 0 |
| | Infantry. | Short course | 6 |
| | | Long course | 2 |

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Signed, T. Bland Strange, Lieut Colonel.
Commandant School of Gunnery.
Quebec.

To
The Adjutant General of Militia
Ottawa.

The following is a list of the Officers who joined:—

| Rank | Names. | | Battery of Arty in which Enrolled | Date of admission | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dr. & Adjt | Tache | G. E. | Kamouraska | 18. 1. '77 | |
| Cornet | Pennefather | R. | 8th Regt. Cavalry | 12. 4. '77 | |
| Captain | Moore | H. B. | 3rd Vict: Rifles | 26. 7. '77 | |
| Major | Hatton | G. W. W. | 1st Prince of W. Rifles | 26. 7. '77 | |
| " | Sullivan | D. | 6th Fusiliers | 13. 8. '77 | |
| Vet: Surg | Hall | W. B. | Quebec F. B. | 13. 8. '77 | |
| Captain | Hebert | P. O. J. | 65th Battalion | 7. 9. '77 | |
| " | Dumas | A. D. | Temiscouta | 15. 10. '77 | |
| " | Tremblay | H. J. | Charlevoix F. Batt. | 5. 11. '77 | |
| Lieut: | Hetherington | M. B. | Richmond F. B. | 4. 12. '77 | |
| Captain | Slous | J. | Gaspe G. A. | 12. 12. '77 | |
| " | Price | F. C. | Summerside G. A. | 15. 12. '77 | |

1878.

The Battery, the Left Division on the 19th February, and the Right Division on the 20th, paraded in marching order with snowshoes, one blanket, a towel, and a pair of socks carried in the valise, mufflers tied around the waist in marching, with 20 rounds of blank ammunition per man, and marched to the woods north of Lake St Charles and encamped there. Two wooden sleighs and two toboggans were provided to convey tents, stores, and rations for the whole. They returned on the 22nd February.

Battery orders 19 & 20. 2. '78.

Lieutenant Imlah Halifax Field Battery joined for a long course of instruction.

" 3. 4. '78.

A Draft of five non-commissiond officers and men having volunteered for service in the North West Mounted Police, were struck off the strength of the Battery on the 16th May.

" 15. 5. '78

On the 23rd May the Battery proceeded to Montreal by steamer, carrying with them one days cooked rations, to take part in the celebration of the Queens Birthday.

" 22. 5. '78

Captain George Rolt White is permitted to revert to the Retired List retaining rank.

M.G.O. 14. 6. '78. Battery orders 6. 6. '78.

The Commandant notifies with extreme regret the resignation of Captain White at his own request. Having served for a period of over four years in 'B' Battery, Captain White has gained the approbation of the Commandant, as an able and conscientious officer, as well as the

respect and sympathy of his brother officers and comrades of all ranks.

A District Order was received on the 11th June. as follows:-

Battery Order. 11. 6. 98.

In compliance with a requisition signed by 3 Magistrates according to law, B Battery, School of Gunnery will hold itself in readiness to turn out a moments notice from the Mayor of Quebec in aid of the Civil power.

(Sd) E. Lamontagne.
Lt Col.
Bge Major.

On the 12th June, The Battery was called out to aid in the suppression of a very serious riot which had broken in Quebec city.

They were stationed in different parts of the city, such as The Parliament Buildings The Jail, The Skating Rink, and various other places where they could best aid in the suppression of the riot, A 9 Pr Gun in charge of the Dimi- Field Battery was mounted on the slope of the Dalhousie Bastion, and was kept loaded with Case Shot, and laid to search the vicinity of the Laboratory, in case of necessity, Men were also quartered in the Casemates near the Chain Gate, and Carronades kept loaded to sweep the entrance passage to the Chain Gate. The Senior Officer receiving orders to fire in the case of there being any attack from a hostile party, Carronades were also kept loaded to sweep the ditch in front of the St Louis Curtain.

Battery Order 16. 6. 98.

Happily no attack was made, as it would have caused an immense loss of lives.

The following letter was published in M G O. 15. of the 18th June 1898, after the disturbance was quelled

## Quelling riot in Quebec.

MGO.15.
18.6.78.

The Lieutenant General, commanding has received a report of the operations of the troops employed in Quelling riot in Quebec. His attention has been specially drawn to the able and efficient arrangements made by Lieut Col Strange who was in command of the troops in aid of the civil power on that occasion

The conduct of the Officers, non-commissioned officers and men of "B" Battery who bore the brunt of the first assault of the mob, is deserving of great commendation for the steadiness and discipline they displayed upon that occasion.

The names of Captains Duchesnay, Short and Prevost and Lieut Sheppard have been prominently mentioned in this respect.

Unfortunately after the Riot Act had been read by the Mayor, it became necessary to fire some shots upon the mob, who had assaulted with considerable impetuosity the officers and men of the Battery as well as the Mayor himself.

In these assaults, which were repeated, several officers and men were more or less seriously injured by stones and bricks, from the chimnies and roofs of houses, The following names have been mentioned as amongst the latter, viz:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Captain Short, | deep cut in the head |
| do Prevost | do. |
| Sergeant Villiers | do. |
| Corporal Laister | Contusion |
| Gunner Labat. | Scalp wound. |

Gunner Logan Contusion
do Charters two cuts.
do Remington Contusion
do Bosley Bruise
do Christie Cut eye.

Sergeant Instructor Howard and many others received minor contusions.

The Lieut General is happy to hear, however that none of these injuries are likely to be attended with serious results.

Every officer and man of this force appears to have done his duty with steady discipline and soldierlike forbearance and the punishment the mob received may probably prove a wholesome lesson that where troops are called upon to act they will do so with effect.

The Lieut General begs to express, as their ~~warm~~ commander, his warm thanks to Lieut Col Strange who so ably commanded and to the Staff, the Commanding Officers of Corps and the Officers, + men of the Force generally who so admirably performed a trying and difficult duty in aid of the civil power in Quebec, on the occasion of the labor riot referred to.

Letters of thanks were received as follows. — Battery Orders 19. 6. 98. 17. 8. 78.

Montreal 18th June 1878.

To Lt Col Strange + the Officers of B Battery + S.G. Quebec.

Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Officers of the 1st or Prince of Wales Rifles, quartered at the

Citadel of Quebec on the 13th 14th & 15th inst
I beg to express our deep appreciation of
the uniform kindness and unstinted
hospitality extended to us on that occasion
and on behalf of the Non-commissioned
Officers and men I would bear testimony
to the untiring energy displayed by the
members of "B" Battery and School of
Gunnery in arranging quarters and
attending to the distribution and cooking
of rations, and in connexion with the
Quarter Masters department; I am desired
to tender special thanks to Capt. Sheppard
for his unremitting attention to our men.

Their rations were promptly served
of first class quality in every particular
and in quantity more than ample to
meet their requirements.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant
(Sd) Frank Bond
Lt Col.
Comdg 1st (Prince of Wales) Regt

Montreal. 18-6-98.

Battery Orders.
19-6-98.

Sir,

I am directed by Lt Col Crawford to
return the sincere thanks of the Battalion
to Col Strange, The Officers, N C Officers and
Gunners of B Battery, C.A. for their generous
hospitality to the Officers N C Officers and
Men of the Royal Fusileers during their
recent visit to Quebec.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedt Servant.
(Sd) Fred Lydon
Adjt R.F.

To Lieut-Col Strange
Dominion Inspector of Artillery.
The Citadel, Quebec.

Sir/.

An indisposition of a serious nature has prevented me from acknowledging at an earlier date, the services rendered by yourself and "B" Battery during the late riot in this City.

Battery Orders 17. 6. 78.

To your judgment and forbearance joined to the steady discipline of the force under your command, the City is indebted for the prompt suppression of a riot which otherwise might have assumed very serious proportions, and myself in particular, for the protection of valuable property.-

The consciousness of duty nobly performed is the soldiers noblest reward. But at the same time, I trust you will accept for yourself, your officers and men my heartfelt thanks for the valuable services rendered me in one of the trying ~~occassions~~ occasions of my life.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedt. Servant.
(Sd). J B Renaud.

The Demi Field Battery proceeded to Levis to be quartered there until further orders.

Battery Orders 21. 6. 78.

An order was issued stating that owing to lack of funds, the Canteen would cease to pay the G C Pay. commencing from the 1st prox

Battery Orders. 26. 6. 78.

but G C Badges would still be worn.

A Salute will be fired on Monday, being Dominion Day at 12 noon, the rest of the day being observed as an holiday. — Battery Orders. 29. 6. 78.

At 3.30 P.M. on the 9th July. "B" Battery proceeded to Montreal, The Remi Field Battery quartered at Camp Levis were also ordered to proceed to Montreal. to aid in suppressing a serious disturbance which had occurred. — Battery Orders. 9. 7. 78.

The Citadel being occupied by the Militia Corps of Quebec during the absence of Battery,

A letter was published in Militia General Orders in which the Lieut General. Sir E. Selby Smyth praised the conduct of the Force and their singular patience and forbearance under trying circumstances. — M. G. O. 19. 7. 78.

A District order was received from the D. A. G. Quebec. in which the Battery was ordered to hold itself in readiness to turn out at a moments notice, and on the following day the Battery turned out to aid the Civil authorities in the suppression of a disturbance which had arisen in the City. 60 Rounds of ball ammunition was issued to each N. C. Officer and Man, The Mounted Division turning out as Cavalry. The Garrison Division as Infantry. — Battery Orders 16. 9. 78.

His Excellency presented Marksmans Badges for Small Arm and 9 Pr. R.M.L. Gun Competition also prizes for the Smooth Bore, and 64/32 pr. Competition. — Battery Orders. 30. 9. 78.

In the Annual Report for the year ending December 1878. The General Officer Commanding mentioned the following subjects in his Report. — Annual Report 1878.

Assistance rendered by 'B' Battery R C A. to the Civil authorities, in Montreal and Quebec.

and in the Report of Lt Col Strange the undermentioned subjects were touched upon.

Withdrawal of the Branch School at St Helens Island Montreal.

Service of Battery in aid of Civil Power at Quebec on 1st May. 12th June and 17th September, and at Montreal on 12th July.

Purchase of 10. 64 pr. Palliser Guns for Quebec.

Presentation by Sir William Palliser of 7" & 8" Guns.

Number of Officers, N C Officers & Men who joined for a Course of Instruction during the Year 1878.

Major P. C Hebert of the 65th Battalion was appointed a Lieutenant in B Battery. vice Captain A E D. Duchesnay who resigned. — Battery Orders. 17. 4. 79. M. G O. 10. 4. 79.

B Battery proceeded to Montreal to take part in the Review held there on the 24th May. to celebrate the Queens Birthday, The Review took place before H R H. The Princess Louise, and the G. O. C. was pleased to mention his appreciation of the behaviour of the Corps assembled for that purpose. — Battery Orders 21. 5. 79. M. G O. 26. 5. 79.

Lieut Sheppard was appointed a D. C. to the Lieut-Govr of Quebec. and remained on the Attached list to the authorized number of Attached Officers, and drew no pay while so attached. — Battery Orders. 28. 7. 79.

A. 7" R B L Gun was mounted in the Artillery Barrack Bastion on the 5. 8. 79.

An increased establishment of 5 Sergeants was authorized to be available for duty in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces for Instructional purposes in Educational Institutions | M.G.O. 25. 7. 79.

Lieut W. E. Imlah was appointed acting Quarter Master to B Battery R.C.A. | Battery Orders 28. 8. 79.

R. & O. for the Militia 79. was amended by placing "A" & "B" Batteries of Artillery which are enrolled for continuous service. as 3rd in the order of precedence. | M.G.O. 28. 11. 79.

The maximum strength of "B" Battery was authorized to be increased by 1 Lieutenant, which gives the Corps 5 Lieutenants. | M.G.O. 12. 12. 79.
To be Lieutenant in B Battery Lieut & Major J. Cow. Taschereau. from the Quebec Field Battery.

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do. do. By Lt Col Strange.
Supplementary Report By. Lt Col Montizambert.

A number of 32 pr. Smooth Bore Guns were removed from the Artillery Park. and sent to Montreal, for conversion to 64 prs. by Messrs Gilbert & Sons. | Battery Orders 26. 1. 80.

Change of Designation | M G O. 6. 2. 80.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to signify her approval of the Schools of Gunnery at Kingston and Quebec. composed of the two permanent Batteries of Artillery at those Stations being in future designated, Royal Schools of Gunnery.

Exchange of Quarters. "A" & B Batteries R.S.G. | M.G.O. 10. 7. 5. 80.

A & B Batteries will exchange quarters on the 15 proximo under arrangements notified

1 Officer and 15 N.C.O's and men of B Battery who were able to instruct in French being transferred to "A" Battery, Lieut-Col Irwin becoming Inspector of the Artillery for the Province of Quebec so long as he is stationed at Quebec.

"B" Battery arriving at Kingston on the 18th June, and "A" Battery arriving at Quebec on the 16th | M G O. 2. 18. 6. 80.

Lieut & Captain Oscar Prevost was transferred to A Battery the number of Lieutenants in "B" Battery being reduced to 4 Lieutenants

The authorized strength of "B" Battery was decreased and that of "A" Battery increased, by the transfer on the 16. 6. 80. of 1 Sergeant. 3 Bombardiers 10 Gunners and one Driver | M G O 13. 2. 7. 80.

For Annual Report by G.O.C. see page. VIII.

do. — Col Strange. Page. 234.

Badges of Rank of N. C. Officers. | M. G. O. 7. 8. 4. 81.

The following changes were authorized in the wearing of Badges of Rank of N C Officers.

The Chevrons of N C Officers of all arms of the Service are to be worn on the right arm only.

All 4 bar Chevrons worn on Tunics or Jackets will be worn below the elbow with the points upward and all those of less than 4 bars will be worn above the elbow points downward.

G C Badges will be worn on the left arm below the elbow with points upward.

All Chevrons on Cloaks or Great Coats will be worn below the elbow; 4 bar Chevrons with points upward and all others point downward.

Sergeants will not wear Crown Badges.

Those N C Officers ranking as Troop Sergt Major Battery Sergeant Majors Battery Quarter Master Sergeants and Colour Sergeants will wear 3 bar chevrons only and Crowns or Colour Badges as the case may be.

Surgeon John Lewis Hubert Neilson was granted the rank of Surgeon Major as a special case in consideration of his services as Surgeon in the 2nd Battn of Riflemen N. W. Expeditionary Force and of his subsequent continuous service in the Militia. | M G O. 7. 8. 4. 81.

Lieut Col T. B. Strange was relieved of the Regimental Command of the Artillery of P of Quebec he being now stationed in the P. of Ontario. | M G O. 7. 8 4 81.

Establishment. A & B Battery R S G. | M G O. 15. 17. 6. 81.

Sergeant Majors of the R S G. will rank as Regimental Sergeant Majors from date of appointment

Captains Short & Prevost were appointed Brevet Majors from the 25 April 1878. and 10th July 1879. respectively. | M.G.O. 17. 6. 81.

Gallant Conduct. | M.G.O. 11. 11. 81.

The Major General Commanding has received with much pleasure the report of the Commandant R.S.G. Kingston of the gallant conduct of No 340. Gunner Alexander MacDonald B Battery who when in charge of Cedar Island Tower on the 29th October '81 saw a fishing boat in distress on the Lake proceeded in the Government Boat in his charge to the rescue and succeeded in saving the life of a fisherman named Bowman of Wolfe Island the Major General considers that this Gunners Gallantry should be recorded and publishes this for the information and admiration of his Comrades.

For Annual Report by G.O.C. see page. VII
also a report on B Battery by Lt Col Strange vide Annual Report 1881. page 215.

The resignations of Lieut Col Thomas Bland Strange as an Inspector of Artillery of the Dominion and as Commandant of B Battery of Artillery R.S.G. have been accepted both to date from 1st February 1882.

M.G.O. 3. 3. 82.

On leaving Lt Col Strange published the following farewell letter on relinquishing command of B Battery R.S.G.

Battery Orders 7. 2. 82.

Major General Strange in resigning Command of B Battery R.S.G. the Corps he raised upon the withdrawal of the Imperial Troops from the Fortress of Quebec, looks back with satisfaction and thankfulness to those who have served under him and helped him in the task, No man can do more than his duty and there is no higher satisfaction than the consciousness of having done it, the greater the obstacles the greater the satisfaction, this satisfaction General Strange believes Colonel Montgambert and his Staff will feel; That there have been obstacles, often where least expected. (none the less discouraging because commonplace apparently in character) the older Officers of the Staff and the N.C. Officers of the Staff will not forget, "Nil desperandum auspice Deo." none but ourselves remember the rigours of that first winter when the fortress of Quebec left dismantled by the Imperial Troops without a single gun mounted on its Ramparts, was rearmed in the depth of an almost Artic Winter by a handful of recruits, all ranks of B Battery have always shewn the same patient devotion to commonplace every day duty that brings with it no credit from the outside world and is not even brightened by excitement, this character of

devotion to duty for duty's sake, I ask and believe B Battery will always maintain.

As regards the easier task of devotion on active Service, should it be their lot there need be no doubt. When called upon to give volunteers in the event of war with Russia "B Battery offered as a body. In the painful conflict with fellow citizens in support of the law, like brave men and true soldiers they showed themselves forbearing and patient to the last degree and their steadiness resulted in the prompt suppression of the riot with the death only of the ringleaders, a result without parallel in the history of street fights between Mobs and Troops.

And still further a most singular proof of the good effect of the steady discipline of B Battery and its appreciation by the citizens that never from that hour was there any retaliation on the part of the mob against our men; quite the contrary, the people of Quebec of all classes showed that they loved the Military organization that had grown up in their midst to guard the flag, Her Majesty had committed to our charge. The Citizens of Kingston have shown themselves most kindly disposed towards us since our arrival here and I doubt not you will endeavour to maintain the good opinion of your fellow citizens wherever your duty may call you; and I do hope and earnestly pray the Government may see fit to extend through you to the Infantry and Cavalry of the Dominion, the practical Military Training they so much need, Major General Strange's natural regret that parting from his Military children who.

have served with him so long is lessened by the fact that he leaves the Command to Lieut-Col Montizambert with complete confidence and satisfaction

(Sd) T B Strange
Major Gl.
R.A.

The Deputy Minister of Militia published a letter in Militia General Orders expressing his appreciation of the services of Major General Strange and the benefits he rendered to the Dominion of Canada by his services to the Militia — M.G.O. 17. 3. 82.

Captain A.A. Farley G.S.I. from the 15th Battalion Belleville, was appointed a Lieutenant in "B" Battery R.S.G. to date from the 23rd May 1882. — M.G.O. 28. 6. 82.

An Order in Council passed 29. 7. 82 granting leave of absence to Major. P.O.J. Hebert "B" Battery R.S.G. in order for the purpose of his being attached to a Field Battery R.A. England, ordered on Active Service to Egypt. This Officer died in Cairo Egypt on the 1st November from fever and the G.O.C ordered the flags to be hoisted at half mast for one day as a mark of respect to the memory of Major Hebert, and published in M.G.O. an expression of his grief at the loss of this Officer. — Battery Orders 9. 8. 82. — M.G.O. 1. 12. 82.

He was doing duty with N Battery 2nd Brigade R.A. & was struck off the strength of B Battery R.S.G. from the 1st November 1882. — Battery Orders. 28. 11. 82.

The following telegram was received from the Marquis of Lorne. San Francisco. December 1882. — By Orders 12. 12. 82.

Just received news of Hebert's death, pray express to family deep sorrow of Princess and self at news.

(Sd) Lorne.

Battery Orders 28. 12. 82.

The following letter was also received from the Commander in Chief's Office England with respect to the death of Major Hebert.

Horse Guards.
War Office 11/12/82.

Sir,

I am directed by the Field Marshal Commander in Chief to request that you will be good enough to inform the family and friends of Major E J G Hebert Royal Canadian Artillery attached with the local rank of Lieutenant to N Battery 2nd Brigade Royal Artillery that His Royal Highness has heard with the deepest regret of that officer's death in Hospital at Cairo on the 1st ulto.

Sir A Allison Commanding the force in Egypt states in his report that this Officer would appear to have shown soldierlike qualities which had he survived would have rendered his service most useful to that Branch of the Canadian Forces to which he belonged.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient Servt.
E Ca Whitman

To Major General R Luard,
Comdg Can Militia
Ottawa.

Report of G.O.C. on B Battery. vide Annual Report 1882 Page. XIV. also Annual Report by Lt Col C E. Montizambert Page. 163.

Captain and Brevet Lieut-Col C E Montizambert was appointed Commandant of "B" Battery R.S.G. also Assistant Inspector of Artillery for the Dominion, with the rank of Lieut Colonel. To date from the 1st August 1882. | M.G.O. 12 · 1 · 83.

Lieut + Br Major C J Short was promoted Captain in B Battery R S G. from the 1/8/82.

Captain Robert William Rutherford G.S. 66th Battn was appointed Lieutenant in B Battery vice ~~Herbert deceased~~ Short Promoted. to date from 10 · 8 · 83. | M.G.O. 10 · 8 · 83. 14 · 9 · 83.

"A" "B" and C. Batteries are hereby formed into a Regiment to be known as the Regt Canadian Artillery of which Lieut-Col D. T. Irwin Inspector of Artillery to the Dominion is appointed to the Command. | M G O 10 · 8 · 83.

The following is the list of Officers of the Regiment.

Lieut-Col Commanding.

D. T. Irwin. (Lieut Col Retired list-R.A.)

Lieut Colonels.

Charles E Montizambert. G. S.

William Henry Cotton G. S.

Josiah Greenwood Holmes G.S.

Captains.

Charles John Short. G. S.

James Frederick Wilson G.S.

Lieutenants.

James Peters . G.S.

John Fraser G.S.

Chas William Drury G.S.

J E M Taschereau G.S.

Alfred A Farley G.S.

Robt Wm Rutherford G S

Joseph A. G. Hudon. G.S.
Victor Brereton Rivers R.M.C.

Surgeons.

John Lewis Hubert-Neilson.
Colin Charles Sewell. M.D.

To be Lieut in Regt. Can: Arty. from 10th Augst 83. | M.G.O.
Lieut Phillipe Henry DuPerron Casgrain. | 14. 9. 83.
R.M.C. vice Hébert deceased.

Lieut Casgrain will be attached to B Battery Kingston until further orders.

The resignation of Lieut P H Casgrain | M.G.O.
R.M.C. is hereby accepted who reverts to his | 9. 11. 83.
rank of Lieut in the Militia

Grenades are to be worn on the collars of | Battery Orders
Serge Tunics instead of on the Shoulder Straps | 22. 10. 83.
and on both collars and shoulder straps of
Tunics.

M.G.O.
Officers Commanding Batteries in the | 30. 11. 83.
Regiment of Canadian Artillery are
granted the substantive Rank of Major
but without increase to their of Captain
from the date of their promotions to their
Command.

To be Majors

Capt & Bt Major Charles John Short G.S.
from 1st August 1882.

Captain James Frederick Wilson G.S.
from 10th August 1883

Adverting to General Orders 3. of 10th August 1883. | M.G.O.
it is hereby amended by placing the name of | 14. 12. 83
Lieut Rivers R.M.C. who is Senior above that

of Lieut Hudon. G.S. in the list of Officers of the Regiment.

To be Lieutenants in Regt Can: Artillery — M.G.O. 14. 12. 83.

Captain John Archibald Sages. G.S. from No 3 Company. 87th Quebec Battn of Infantry vice Casgrain resigned.

Lieutenant Thomas Benson R.M.C.

These two Officers will be attached to B Battery until further orders. (to date from 21/8/83) — M.G.O. 8/2/84.

Lieut & Major J. C. M. Taschereau "B" Battery was appointed Brigade Major of 7th & 8th Brigade Divisions Head Quarters at Quebec. vice Lt-Col D'Orsonnens transferred to Infantry School Corps. to date from 21st December 1883. — M.G.O. 4. 1. 84.

Staff Sergeants were given permission to wear plain clothes when off duty, and Sergeants were given the same privelege after 6 P.m. on obtaining special leave from the Comdt. C.O. or adjutant. This order was cancelled by M.G.O. 14/11/84. — Battery Orders. 5. 1. 84.

Until further orders the following will be the Establishment of "B" Battery. R.C.A. — Battery Orders. 6. 2. 84.

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| Lieut-Colonel. | 1. |
| Major | 1 |
| Lieutenants | 4. |
| Surgeon. | 1 |
| Master Gunner | 1 |
| Staff Sergeants | 8. |
| Sergeants | 6. |
| Corporals. | 5 |
| Bombardiers | 5 |
| Acting Bombardiers | 8 |

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| Trumpeters | 3. |
| Gunners & Drivers | 125. |
| Total. | 168. |
| Horses. | 16 |

Enlistments for A B & C Batteries will be for the Regiment of Canadian Artillery or for general service. Transfers of Recruits when specially authorized being made from one Battery to another provided the expense does not exceed $10.00 — M.G.O. 8.2.84.

Major General Luard published in M.G.O. 2.5.84 a Valedictory on his relinquishing the Command of the Militia of Canada which he held for four years. — M.G.O. 2.5.84.

Great Coats of a Canadian Grey Cloth were issued to the Regiment of Canadian Artillery with a red collar, instead of the Blue Cloth Overcoats, which had been in use up to this time. — M.G.O. Annual Report. 1884. Page. 181.

Good conduct and service Badges. M.G.O. 6.2.85.

N.C. Officers and men whose conduct has been good and who have served for three years and have re-enlisted for a second period of 3 years will be issued with a good conduct and service chevron of one bar to be worn when in uniform during the period of their re-enlistment below the elbow on the left arm of the tunic with the point upwards an additional chevron of 1 bar being issued for 6 years and another bar for nine years. Chevrons to be of worsted Braid.

4 of those Offrs (attached)

8 Officers including Lt Col Montizambert in Command and 104 N.C. Officers and men of B Battery with (1 Sergeant and 1 Gunner) (attached) paraded in marching order at 4 P.M. on the 28th March 1885, for the purpose of proceeding to the North West Territories to aid in the suppression of the Rebellion of the Indians and Half Breeds. Battery Orders. 28.3.85.

18 Horses and two 9 Pr Guns were also sent with B Battery.

They arrived in Winnipeg on April 5th and proceeded by Rail as far as Troy Qu'appelle where they arrived on the 8th April.

The march from the end of the Railway at a place named which was as far as the C P R line had been built, to a place named where the Railroad commenced again was accomplished with great hardships and heavy marching, They marched by way of the North Shore of Lake Superior. amidst extremely cold weather, Having to

~~along~~ sleep in huts, along the Lake Shore
and once in an old disbanded ship's hulk.
and sometimes travelling all night.

Owing to the state of the roads the
Guns were unable to keep up with the
remainder of the column. and at
a detachment had to be sent back to assist
with the guns, which were in charge of.

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the troops embarked on flat open cars.
in piercingly cold weather many being
frost-bitten

On the 11th April the column of which Lieut Col Otter was in Command embarked per CPR. for Swift Current, where they arrived on the 12th April, and disembarked. They and then proceeded by forced marches to the South Saskatchewan arriving there on the 14th April. The men marched in heavy marching order with 60 Rounds of Ball ammunition not a man of B Battery falling out. At Winnipeg 5 horses were purchased for B Battery and at 9 more horses purchased.

On the 15th April the column commenced to cross the Saskatchewan River to the North side and completed the disembarkation on the 17th

On the 18th the Column took up the line of march for Battleford which was a distance of nearly 160 miles and arrived at Battleford on the 23rd April where the column halted and an outlying picket and inlying picket detailed. That night Indians were observed on the North side of the Battle River, where they had set fire to Judge Roleau's House.

On the 1st of May. 5. Officers + 80 Men of B Battery accompanied by 2. 7 Pr guns + 1 Gatling gun in Command of Major Short proceeded with the flying column to Cut Knife Hill leaving 12 men in charge of Lieut Imlah stationed in the Government House on the South Side of the Battle River, and 11 N.C Officers + Men in charge of Master Gunner Lavie stationed in the Police Barracks on the South side of the river.

(2nd May) The Flying Column arriving at Cut Knife had an engagement with Poundmaker which lasted seven hours the following Officer + N.C Officers + Gunner were wounded.

Lieut G C C Pelletier 9th Battn attached to B Battery
Sergt J. J. Gaffney.
Corporal J Morton.
Gunner J. Reynolds.
A full account of this engagement will be found in Lt Col Otters Report in M G O. 8/7/85. in which Major Short and Captain Rutherford were mentioned for their gallantry & bravery in this action. Also see Special Report N.W Rebellion.

On the 31st May a detachment of "A" & B Battery. consisting of 50 Officers N.C.Os & Men with 2 Gatling Guns and detachment proceeded by Steamer to Fort Pitt arriving there on the 4th June. (from Battleford) remaining at Fort Pitt until 29th June when they returned to Battleford. — Battery Orders 30. 5. 85.

A detachment of "B" Battery with other Corps were sent to Turtle Lake on June 7th to intercept "Big Bear" an Indian Rebel Chief, and who was supposed to have a great many rebels with him. They returned on the 3rd July 85 but did not succeed in capturing him. 1 N C O & 2 Men were also sent to Strawbenzie and remained there until July — Battery Orders. 4. 7. 85.

An accident occurred in Battleford in which No 1688 Gunner John Malen a member of B Battery was shot dead, he was escorting some Indian prisoners from the rear, in company with a comrade named Murphy, in charge of Sergt Jordan, and on coming back to the Guard Room Gr Murphy accidentally stepped on a loose plank which caused him to stumble, his rifle being loaded and at half cock, he must have touched the trigger, and discharged the rifle, the contents striking Gr Malen in the head killing him. He was buried with Military Honours at Battleford next day. — Battery Orders. 6. 7. 85.

On the 6th July. Major Short, (Lieuts. Pelletier Chinic Prower) (attached) (Sergt. Anderson. attached) Bomb. Gordon Grs. Prevost & Love. returned to Kingston also Hospital Sergeant Labat, and (Gr. Reynolds (wounded) — Battery Orders 6. 7. 85.

"B" Battery in charge of Lieut-Col. C. E. Montizambert left Battleford for Prince Albert on the 6th July. arriving at Prince Albert on the 11th July, and remained until the 11th October, being under canvas the whole period, orders were then received for the Battery to be removed to Qu'appelle. and on the 12th October they took the line of march for that place, the journey being accomplished in 11 days. the weather being excessively cold. the men suffered considerable hardships in consequence On arrival at Qu'Appelle on the 22nd October 1885. B Battery took up their Quarters in the Immigrant Buildings and remained there until the 13th July '86 when orders were received with much pleasure to return to Head Quarters at Quebec. The Battery having remained in the N. W. Territories for over 15th months. They arriving in Quebec 18/7/86.

While Stationed in Qu'appelle orders were received for all the Married N C O's & Men to return to Quebec, and the Battery was strengthened by the arrival of a detachment consisting of Major Short; Capt. Fages, and 29 N C Officers & Men. from Quebec. — Battery Orders 26. 10. 85. 19. 10. 85.

The detachment returning to Quebec consisting of Lt-Col Montizambert, Lt. Imlah, & 36 N C O's & Men. who left Qu'appelle on the 2nd November 1885.

On May 24th. The detachment at Qu'appelle paraded in Review Order for the purpose of presenting those Officers, N C Officers & Men who were engaged in the suppression of the late Rebellion with Medals and Clasps, granted by the ~~Dominion~~ Imperial Government. — Battery Orders 22. 5. 86.

An Act was passed by the Dominion Government granting a tract of land to each individual of the Militia (Permanent Corps included) who were engaged or bore arms in the suppression of the Indian and half breed outbreak in the N.W. Territories or in lieu of the land a scrip for $80^{00}. | M.G.O. 24.7.85.

Resolutions were passed by the Houses of Parliament Canada on the 17th July 1885 thanking the Force engaged in the suppression of N.W. Rebellion for the gallantry, discipline, and good conduct displayed by the Officers, N.C. Officers and Men of the Militia Force and N.W. Mounted Police and acknowledging with admiration the distinguished valor and conduct of those who perished during the operations in the N. West and expressed its sympathy with their relations and friends. | M.G.O. 14.8.85.

The Minister of Militia and Defence has been informed through the Secretary to his Excellency the Governor General, that His Excellency has received intimation from the Imperial Secretary of State that an Imperial War Medal will be conferred upon the troops recently engaged in the suppression of the Rebellion in the North West Territories. | M.G.O. 18.9.85.

"A" and "B" Batteries exchanged Quarters, "A" B'y removing to Kingston and "B" Battery to Quebec on the 17th September 85. Surgeon Major Neilson remaining at Kingston being detailed for service with "A" Battery, and Surgeon Sewell remaining at Quebec being detailed for service with B Battery. | M.G.O. No. 6. 18.9.85.

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| Lieut Oscar Charles Casgrain Pelletier 9th Battn. is appointed a Lieutenant in the Regiment of Canadian Artillery and posted to B Battery from the 29th October 1885. | M.G.O. 6. 11. 85. |
| The establishment of Horses for "B" Battery R.C.A. was authorized to be increased to twenty one. (Authority dated April/85) | Battery Orders. 21. 11. 85 |
| (Annual Report 1885.) For G.O.C. Report on "B" Battery vide page XVII. Also Col Montizambert's Report Page 169. | |
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Three Companies of the 87th Battalion of Infantry were garrisoned for duty at the Citadel to replace No1 Battery Quebec Garrison Artillery who had been quartered there during the absence of the R.C.A. in the North West, and on the 15th February No2 Company 87th Batt, were ordered to be quartered in the Engineers Park Levis. to take care of the Government Property there.

Battery Orders. 13. 1. 86.

11. 2. 86.

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No2 Battery Quebec Garrison Artillery consisting of 3 Officers and 42 N.C Officers and men were also detailed for Garrison duty at the Citadel, and marched in on the 24th February 1886.

24. 2. 86.

The following Officers were appointed Quarter Masters in the R.C Artillery.

Lieut & Major John Fraser.

William Edward Imlah G.S. from retired list of Lieuts.

Q.Mr Fraser being detailed for duty with "A" Battery, and Quarter Master Imlah for duty with "B" Battery.

Q.Mr Imlah to have the Honorary Rank of Captain.

M.G.O. 2. 19. 3. 86.

An order with respect to the Dress Regulations for Officers of the Militia was published in M.G.O. 1/5/86. Officers being in possession of uniforms to be allowed 3 years from the 1st May 86 to wear them out.

M.G.O. 1. 5. 86.

The 87th Battn were relieved from Active Service and marched out from the Citadel on the 25th May 86 and on the 15th July 86. The Quebec Garrison Artillery No2 Co. were also relieved from duty, the Service Detachment of "B" Battery R.C.A. arriving from the N.W. on the 18th July 86

Battery Orders. Brigade Orders. 25. 5. 86.

The following Pensions were awarded to the undermentioned N C Officers & Men of B Battery R.C.A. who were on Active Service in the N.W.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sergeant Gaffney. | 90c per day. | Wounded. |
| Driver Houde. | 55c " " | Rheumatism. |
| Gunner Reynolds. | 55c " " | Wounded. |
| Gunner Clereault. | 55c " " | Rheumatism. |
| Gunner Derieux. | 30c " " | Leg Broken. |
| Gunner Jolin. | 55c " " | Rheumatism. |

For Annual Report of Lt Col Montizambert on B Battery R C A. vide page 161. Annual Report 1886.

William B Hall formerly of Quebec Field Battery of artillery was appointed Veterinary Surgeon ~~to~~ in B Battery. to date from 29. 1. 87. — M.G. 65. 4. 2. 87.

The following authorized establishments of instruments for Band of "B" Battery was published — M.G. 6. 7. 4. 87.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cornets. E♭ | 3. |
| Tenors E♭ (Alto Horn) | 3. |
| Baritones B♭ | 2. |
| Trombones B♭ Tenor. | 2. |
| do. G. Bass. | 1. |
| Euphonium B♭ | 1 |
| Upright Bass. E♭ | 1 |
| Cymbals - Turkish (prs) | 1 |
| Piccolo D♭ | 1 |
| Clarionet E♭ | 1 |
| Clarionet B♭ | 3. |
| Drum Bass. | 1. |
| Drum Side. | 1. |
| | 21 |

On the 6th July a fire broke out starting from some unknown cause in the stables of the Royal School of Cavalry, quartered in the Citadel, burning the wooden constructions on Richmond Dalhousie Bastions containing a quantity of Stores, Officers and Men worked with a will, but it was found impossible to arrest the flames and the Stables and Sheds were entirely destroyed, and 23 horses belonging to the R.S. Cavalry were consumed. 3. 7" Guns and 1 40pr. Gun were also rendered useless by the fire. — Annual Report 1887. Page 180.

Authority having been received for the organisation of "C" Battery R.C.A. to be stationed at British Columbia. Volunteers were called for from "A" and "B" Batteries of men who had — M.G. 6. 6. 10. 87.

not less than 3 months service and ^one of good character, to form this Battery, and on the 4th of November 44 N C Officers and men of 'B' Battery were struck off the strength and proceeded to British Columbia, in command of Major James Peters, who was gazetted Major from the 6th October 1887 and detached from 'B' Battery and attached to 'C' Battery.

M. G. O.
21. 10. 87

A change was effected with regard to the clothing of Staff Sergeants and Sergeants as follows.

M. G. O.
7. 10. 87

The collars of the great coats to be of the same material and colour as the great coat (instead of red) and to be fitted with straps + buttons and flaps at the back, for the purpose of looping back the skirts when the coat is worn without sword belt, the back flaps + straps to be piped with scarlet cloth.

The Winter Caps to be made of Russian Lamb, and wedge shaped. and the Staff Sergeants to be issued with Russian Lamb Gauntlets.

Report of G. O. C. on 'B' Battery vide page. XVIII
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Recruits were allowed the privelege of purchasing their discharge for the sum of $30. if within 3 months of their attestation | M G O 17. 8. 88.

Lieutenant William Peter Burroughs was gazetted a Lieutenant in the Regiment of Canadian Artillery and detailed for duty with B Battery. (To date from the 31. 8. 88) | M G O. 7. 9. 88.

A sad accident befell a Trumpeter of B Battery named Hugh Nicholson who when out riding was thrown from his horse which had ran away. and from which he received internal injuries which proved fatal, and from which he died on the 16th October 1894. He was buried with Military Honours. and his funeral largely attended and many wreaths were sent by civilian friends with whom he was very popular.

For Annual Report by G O C on B Battery vide page XVIII. and for report by Inspector of Artillery vide page. 175. + Commandants Report 178. | Annual Report 1888

The 16th of May 1889. on which date the Battery was called out to assist in extinguishing a great fire which had broken out in Saint Sauveur a suburb of Quebec. and during which a lamentable and sad disaster occurred in the death of Major C J Short and Staff Sergeant G. Walleck who were blown to pieces by the accidental explosion of gunpowder in attempting to blow up the houses and arrest the progress of the fire, they were engaged in placing a barrel of powder in one of the houses when a spark must have ignited the powder and blew Major Short to atoms,

A Winter Jacket of the following details, to be worn by all officers of Regiment Canadian Artillery, has been authorized by the G. O. C. | Battery Orders 3. 2. 90.

The jacket to be of exactly the same pattern as the patrol jacket described in Dress Regulations. but will in addition be trimmed all around with black Persian Lamb or Astrachan fur. the cuffs excepted - stand and fall collar of fur lined with Cloth, five inches deep. A false collar of the same pattern as that of the stable jacket will be worn with this jacket.

No 2150. of Bombardier J. W Brebner a member of "B" Battery died in the Jeffery Hale Hospital on the 14th inst, and was buried with Military honours in Mount Hermon Cemetery on the 18th inst. | Battery Orders 15. 3. 90.

and on the 2nd April No 2285. Gunner J. Ferguson also died and was buried in Mount Hermon Cemetery with Military Honours. | 2. 4. 90.

On the 10th June "B" Battery was detailed as a Guard of Honour to receive their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught on their arrival at Quebec. A Salute of 21 Guns were also fired by the Field Half Battery. | 9. 6. 90.

A Guard of Honour and Salute fired by "B" Battery on their departure from Quebec on the 12th June | 11. 6. 90.

H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught was pleased to express to the G. O. C. previous to his departure his pleasure at the very smart appearance of the Guard furnished by "B" Battery. | 14. 6. 90.

Lieut General Middletons Valedictory | M.G.O. 11. 7. 90.

Ottawa 30th June 1890.

Lieut-General Middleton in giving up command of the Canadian Militia which he has had the honour of holding for six years, begs to offer his sincere thanks to the Staff Officers, Officers and men of the whole force, for the good feeling they have evinced towards him and for the aid and support they have given them in carrying out his duties. In performing those duties the sole object of the Lieut-General has been the welfare and well doing of the force and he will watch with warm interest its future progress and success.

No 762 Gunner A St Pierre "B" Battery who was a member of the Battery for 15 years died and was buried with Military Honours on the 28th July. | Battery Orders. 28. 7. 90.

Colonel Ivor John Caradoc Herbert CB of Her Majesty's Regular Army is appointed to the Command of the Militia of the Dominion of Canada with the rank of Major General in the Militia and having arrived assumes command from this date. | M.G.O. 5. 12. 90.

The following details in connexion with B Battery for the year ending 1890. is published by Lt Col Irwin in the Annual Report page, 174. "1890" | Annual Report 1890 Page. 174.

| | Officers | N.C.O's & men |
|---|---|---|
| Authorized Establishment | 9. | 161. |
| Present Strength. | 9 | 151. |
| Enlisted or re-enlisted | | 46. |
| Discharged by purchase | | 16. |
| do as unsuitable. | | 3. |

| | Officers. | N.C. Officers & Men. |
|---|---|---|
| Discharged as invalided | | 2. |
| do Time expired | | 3. |
| Deserted. | | 18. |
| Deaths. | | 3. |
| Joined for Instruction. | | |
| Long Course. | 1 | 5. |
| Short Course. | | 35. |
| Special do. | 4. | |
| Certificates Granted. | | |
| Long Course 2nd Class. | 1. | |
| Short Course. 1st Class. | 1 | 15. |
| do 2nd " | | 6. |
| Special Course 1st — | 4. | |

For Report on B Battery by Lt Col. Montizambert vide Annual Report. page. 176.

Authority was received from Head Quarters Ottawa for the transfer of 30 Recruits from "B" to "A" Battery, and on the 6th April the draft left Quebec for "A" Batty, Kingston in charge of an Officer. | 2. 4. 91.

On the 2nd June 25 N C Officers and Men were struck off the strength of "B" Battery, and enlisted for "C" Battery, British Columbia. They were formed into a separate unit, and attached to B Battery for Pay Rations etc, pending orders for their removal to "C" By, which orders were received on the 29th Septr. and the following the Draft embarked per C.P.R. for B.C. Captain Rutherford proceeding in charge as far as Ottawa. | Battery Orders. 2. 6. 91. 3. 6. 91. 30. 9. 91.

No 2365. Trumpeter J McCormack of "B" Battery died in Hospital on the 22nd October and was buried with Military Honours on the 24th Octr. | Battery Orders 23. 10. 91

The Battery paraded on the 12th November '91 for the purpose of attending the ceremony of the unveiling of the Short-Walleck monument which had been placed in front of the Drill Hall on St Louis St Quebec and was erected at the expense of the friends of the late Major Short and Staff Sergt Walleck. | By. Orders. 11. 11. 91.

The following details in connection with "B" Battery for the financial year ending 30th June 1891. see Page 12 Annual Report | Annual Report '91

| | |
|---|---|
| Authorized Establishment. | 161. |
| Strength on June 30th 1890. | 153. |
| do do 1891. | 153. |
| Discharged by purchase. | 15. |
| Discharged unsuitable | 5. |
| Discharged invalided | 3. |

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| Discharged. Time expired. | 45. |
| Deserted. | 15. |
| Died. | 1 |
| Transferred | 55. |
| Total. | 139. |

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| Enlisted | 103. |
| Re-enlisted | 33. |
| Returned from desertion. | 3. |
| Total. | 139 |

Certificates Granted.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Short Course Grade A | | | | | 4. |
| 1st | " | " | " | B. | 20. |
| 2nd | " | " | " | " | 1. |
| 1st Special | " | | " | A | 7 |
| 2nd | " | " | " | " | 1. |

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| No 2231 Gunner J Kearney of "B" Battery died in Hospital on the 21st January, and was buried with Military Honours on the 23rd inst. | Battery Orders 22. 1. 92. |
| Field Service Dress for Officers. The Serge Patrol Jacket of the pattern approved for the Imperial Army has been adopted for the Officers of the Canadian Militia and will be worn in marching, field day and drill order | M.G.O. 24. 3. 92. |
| The following changes in the issue of clothing to Permanent Corps will take effect from the 1st May '92. Two serge jackets will be issued in the 2nd year of the soldiers service instead of a tunic and an alternate issue of one tunic + one serge jacket or two serge jackets will be continued during the remainder of his service. | M.G.O. 29. 4. 92. |

Clothing will be issued twice a year as follows.
"Summer issue" to be made on the 1st April and taken into wear on the 1st May consisting of.
1 Serge Jacket, 1 Tunic or 2nd Serge, 1 pr. summer trousers, 1 pair summer boots, 1 forage cap.
"Winter issue" to be made on the 1st September and taken into wear on the 1st October consisting of.
1 pair cloth trousers, 1 Winter cap, 1 pair Winter Boots.

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| A Detachment of 15 N.C.Os + Men in command of Captain Farley were ordered to proceed on board of the Government Steamer "Alert" + go down the river on Coast Guard Duty, and to render such assistance as possible in effecting the capture of some smugglers who was said would offer resistance, and on the 22nd July a 2nd detachment in Command of Major J. F. Wilson, consisting of 3 Officers and 50 N C Os + Men embarked on the Steam Tug McNaughton to render further aid in the | Battery Orders 8. 7. 92. |

capture of these smugglers. The 1st Detachment returned on the 27th July, and the 2nd Detachment on the 23rd having succeeded in capturing two smugglers named Bouchard & Landry, also a large quantity of alcohol Brandy & other liquors at Isle aux Coudres, which was brought back to Quebec, and on the 30th July another detachment was ordered by the G.O.C. to proceed by the Government Revenue Cutter "Constance" to Isle aux Coudres and to make search there for more contraband goods which were said to be hidden there. This Detachment consisted of Capt Farley in command, Capt Rutherford and 30 N.C.Os & men, and having ~~succeeded~~ in finding a large quantity of Brandy & cased gin, etc they returned to Quebec on the 5th August.

*Battery Orders. 30-7-92.*

*6-8-92.*

Lieut Henry Edward Burstall à Battery R.C.A. ~~was appointed a Lieutenant in the Regiment Can. Artillery.~~ was ~~and~~ detailed for duty with 'B' Battery R.C.A. until the 10th August, ~~when he w~~

*Battery Orders 4-8-92.*

Sergeant Raimbault and ~~4~~ Gunners were detailed to proceed on the Revenue Cutter Constance and perform Coast Guard duty until further orders. They did not return until the 5th October 1892.

*Battery Orders 9-8-92.*

A Salute of 100 Guns was fired from the saluting Battery King's Bastion in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America.

*Battery Orders. 11-10-92.*

Tomorrow will be the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Battery - In accordance with orders from the Major General Commanding, the Battery will parade in Review order at 10 AM. as for G.O.C's Inspection Field half Battery, two guns horsed - The Battery Sports will take

*Batty Orders 19-10-92*

place on the Esplanade at 2 P.M. weather permitting

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| B Battery Orders. 21·10·92. | The following telegram received from His Excellency the Governor General is published for the information of all ranks:— "His Excellency desires me to offer his congratulations to the Comdt, Officers, N.C.O.s and men of B Battery Regt Can. Artillery on the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Battery." |
| G.O. 39. Oct 92. By orders 31·10·92. & 9·11·92 | Regiment of Canadian Artillery. To be Lieut from 29th October 1892 Lieut William Edward Cooke R.M.C. vice W.E. Burroughs resigned. Lieut Cooke was posted to B Battery on appointment and reported for duty at Citadel Quebec on 8th November '92 |
| Note to. Battery Orders 30·12·92. | The Battery turned out yesterday morning at 6 o'clock to render service at a large fire at Craig Reed & Co. Stores & other buildings in St Paul St, but as the fire was then almost under control & not spreading, the Battery returned to Barracks at 7.30 o'clock. |
| Annual Report. 30-6·92. Appendix "A" page 6. | Details in connection with B Battery R.C.A. for year ending 30th June 1892. vide Pages 6-8 Annual Report |

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|---|---|
| Authorized Establishment. | 161. |
| Strength on June 30th 1891. | 153. |
| do " 1892. | 143. |
| Discharged by purchase | 13 |
| do unsuitable | 10. |
| Time Expired | 8 |

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|---|---|---|
| Deserted | 33. | |
| Died. | 3. | |
| Transferred. | 1. | |
| Time expired but re-engaged. | 16. | |
| Total. | 84. | |
| Enlisted | 42. | |
| Re-engaged. | 16. | |
| Returned from Desertion | 16. | |
| Total | 74 | |

| Convictions by Courts Martial. | | Annual Report '92 App. "B" page 7. |
|---|---|---|
| Desertions | 14. | |
| Theft. | 2. | |
| Other Offences. | 13. | |
| Total. | 39 | |

| Certificates Granted. | | | Annual Report app. "B" page. 8. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st L.C. | Grade "B" | 5. | |
| 2nd do. | do. "B" | 2. | |
| 1st S.C. | do "A" | 1. | |
| 1st S.C | do "B" | 13. | |
| 2nd S.C. | do "B" | 6. | |
| 1st Special. | do 'A' | 2 | |
| 2nd do | do 'A' | 2. | |
| | Total. | 31 | |

For G.O.C.'s Report on Permanent corps vide Annual Report 1892. pgs. 1 and 2.

Ref to. Battery Orders. 27 · 2 · 93.

On the 28th February 1893 Major General Herbert who was in Quebec for two or three days, ordered a parade of the Battery and "A" Troop, Canadian Dragoons. The Mounted troops were in Marching Order, The Garrison Half Battery were in Light Service Order in tunics with mufflers & snow shoes on their backs. We proceeded to Montmorency Falls, and after some manoeuvring and a biscuit or two and a cup of tea left on the return march at 3 o'clock precisely, Halfway home the Field Half Battery and Cavalry were allowed to proceed at their own pace, The Garrison Half Battery and Band consisting of about 95 of all ranks accomplished the distance from the Falls to the Citadel in 2 hours and 40 minutes being formed up on parade on the Hogs Back at exactly 5.40 o'clock. The distance is a good nine miles and there were two halts of 5 minutes each. The men carried 10 rounds of Blank ammunition in addition to their greatcoats, canteens, haversacks & Snowshoes. Not a man fell out – Every one was in the best of spirits The men singing all the way. The Major General ~~stated~~ that he had never seen better marching in all his life and directed that the men should be told so.

Regimental Orders No 50. — Battery Orders.

(1). Brown leather pouch & sword belts will in future be worn by all officers of the Regiment, Medical Staff excepted. — 12. 4. 93.

These belts will take the place of the white enamelled belts now worn and will be of same size & pattern as the latter, the use of which will be discontinued

Lt & Bt Captain O.C.C. Pelletier and Riding Instr. O'Grady having this day proceeded to England for a Course of Instruction there under authority of A.G.O. dated 14-4-93. they will be shewn on command until further orders. — 21. 4. 93.

The 8th anniversary of the fight at Cut Knife Hill was celebrated on the 2nd May by a holiday being granted and a smoking concert held in the evening. | Battery Orders 1. 5. 93.

Title Royal for Permanent Corps. 26. 5. 93.

The following telegram received by the Commandant, is published for information.

Ottawa 23. 5. 93.

To Lt Col Montizambert
Commdt R S A. Quebec.

The Governor General has received a telegram stating that Her Majesty approves the "Royal" being granted to the Permanent Corps of ~~Canada~~ Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry in the Dominion

(Sd) W Powell
A. G.

The Commandant congratulates the Battery on this mark of Her Majesty's favour and hopes that now they are "Royal" Gunners they will feel an increased pride in themselves and in their profession.

The following telegram was also received by the Commandant and is published for information

Ottawa 25th May '93

To Col Montizambert. R S A. Quebec

Major General Herbert cables his congratulations to Royal Regiments and orders remission of all their unexpired punishments

(Sd) W Powell
A G

In compliance with the above order six gunners undergoing sentences for Courts Martial were released on the 26th inst.

26. 5. 93 continued.

The title "Royal" for Permanent Corps was promulgated by Mil Genl Order 34 June '93 which order was cancelled and a Special General Order dated 11th August 1893 was issued in lieu thereof. and is dated 24th May 1893.

M. C. G. 5. 6. 93.

M G O. 11. 8. 93.

"On the occasion of Her Majesty's birth-day, the Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her approval, that the Regiments now composing the Permanent Militia of Canada be henceforth designated as follows, viz:–

The Royal Canadian Dragoons.
The Royal Canadian Artillery
The Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry.

Her Majesty has been further graciously pleased to authorize the above named Royal Regiments to wear on their equipment Her Imperial cypher "V.R.I., surmounted by the Imperial crown.

By command.
(Sd) Walker Powell
Colonel.
Adjutant-Genl of Militia
Canada

Capt Rutherford will proceed today to Niagara as Artillery Brigade Major at the Camp of Instruction to be formed there next week. (A.G. 64696) (Capt Rutherford returned on 26th June.)

Battery Orders. 10. 6. 93.

The Battery goes into camp at Levis from Battery 3rd July to 14th July leaving a small detachment at the Citadel. — Orders 30.6.93.

(For Annual Report for year ending 30.6.93. see end of 1893.)

Capt Rutherford and Sergt Instr Boulstifair are detailed to proceed to Prince Edward Island to act as Instructors to the P.E.I. Battn Garrison Artillery. A.G.O. 46014 / 2.5.93. — By Orders. 5.7.93.

In accordance with District Orders, a Guard of Honour is detailed on the occasion of the embarkation of His Excellency the Governor General Earl of Derby on R.M.S. Sardinian at 5 p.m. on the 15th inst at the expiration of his term of office. The usual salute is also fired from the Citadel. — 12.7.93.

A Guard of Honour is also furnished to His Excellency at 2.30 P.M. 15th July on the occasion of the presentation of farewell address from the Corporation of Quebec. — 14.7.93.

At the request of His Excellency the Commandant remitted all punishments.

Lieut Col Montizambert and Major Imlah proceed to Halifax for D.A.A. Camp. and return on the 18th August. — 5.8.93.

The Quarter Master and Officer in Command of Field Section take over the Cavalry Barracks at 7. a.m. 21st inst from Royal Canadian Dragoons. — 19.8.93.

The Field Section parade at 4 p.m. that day and proceed to the Cavalry Barracks where they are to be quartered in future.

A strong piquet is detailed for that day to keep order in the vicinity of the barracks and Station during the departure of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Organization and Establishment of the Royal Canadian Artillery. M.G.O. 50. 18. 8 93

1. His Excellency the Governor General, in virtue of the provisions of the Militia Act, chapter 41. of the revised Statutes, and by and with the advice of the Queens Privy Council for Canada, was pleased, on the 18th April 1893, to order that the following be the Organization and Establishment of the Royal Canadian Artillery:—

(Vide following page.)

MGO. 50.
18 - 8 - 93
continued

| | Field Artillery Batteries | | Garrison Artillery Companies | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A. Kingston | B. Quebec | 1 Quebec | 2. Quebec | Total. |
| * Lieut Colonels. | | | 2 | | 2. |
| Majors | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 3. |
| Captains | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 3. |
| Lieutenants | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 11 |
| Surgeons. | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Vet Surgeons. | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Qr. Masters. | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Total Officers | 8 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 23 |
| † Master Gunner. | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Sergeant Major | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Qr. Mr. Sergeant. | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Lab. Foreman. | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Ord. Armourer. | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Sergt. Instructor. | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 6. |
| Riding Instructor | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Band Master. | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Sergt. Trumpeter. | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Farrier Sergeant. | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Sergeants. | 5 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 18 |
| Total Sergeants. | 14 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 40 |
| Trumpeters. | § 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| Corporals. | 4 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 15 |
| Bombardiers | 4 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 15 |
| Actg do. | 5 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 20. |
| Gunners. | 51 | 13 | 97 | 97 | 258 |
| Drivers | 34 | 12 | | | 46 |
| Total Rank & file. | 102 | 29 | 116 | 116 | 363. |
| Total all Ranks. | 124 | 32 | 139 | 131 | 426 |
| Horses. | 33 | 12 | | | 45. |

*. 1 on Staff at Head Quarters
† District Clerks.
§ 2 for R.M. College.

The Annual Childrens Xmas tree took place in the Gymnasium on the 28th inst. | R.D.O. 27-12-99

The tree was decorated by the Officers wives & tea was served in the Recreation Room to the married women & children of the Regiment after the distribution of the presents.

The R.C.A. furnished a Guard of Honour & fired a salute on the occasion of the opening of the 1st Session of the 9th Legislature of the province of Quebec. | R.D.O. 7 20.11.97.

Thanksgiving day was observed as a holiday by the R.C.A. A bountiful supply of Turkey & Ale was supplied to every man, woman & child, the expense being defrayed by the Canteen fund. | R.D.O. 2. 24.11.97.

No 2729 Corporal Morrison R.C.A. died from a brief attack of Pneumonia, & was buried in Mount Hermon Cemetery on the 26th inst. with Military Honours. | R.D.O. 3. 24.11.97.

No 2788 Gunner Lonsdale, R.C.A. died from an attack of Pneumonia & was buried in Mount Hermon Cemetery on the 27th inst with Military Honours. | R.D.O. 2. 26.11.97.

Mr J.A. Duchêne was appointed Veterinary Lieut in the R.C.A. vice J.E. Couture retired. | R.D.O. 6 27.11.97.

Instructions have been received from Head Qrs to return all Band Instruments & into Store & the Bandsmen to return to Regimental duty. The term of engagement of the Bandmaster J Vezina having expired he was discharged on the 30th inst. | R.D.O. 5. 29.11.97.

The Annual Xmas & New Years Dinners were held in the Gymnasium & B Fd By Barracks which were decorated as usual. The C.O. & officers with their ladies & friends visited the men at Dinner time & wished them a merry Xmas &

The usual Staff & working party of the R.C.A. proceeded to the Brigade Camp Levis, to fulfil the various duties assigned them. They retd to Quebec on the 18th inst. — R.D.O.2. 6.9.97.

The annual Gun Practice of the Garrison Artillery R.C.A. took place at the Island of Orleans on the 9th inst — R.D.O.2. 8.9.97.

The Regimental Annual Sports were held in the Q.A.A.A. grounds on 1st inst. There was a large attendance on the Field. The winner of the ~~mo~~ greatest number of the events ~~being~~ was Gunner Vilant, who secured the prize given by Canteen of $25.00 for the Champion. — 1.10.97.

Major Rivers R.C.A. was detailed to proceed to Head Quarters Ottawa for duty there until further orders. — 28.10.97.

There being no longer any authority for the services of Vety Lt J. E. Couture in the R.C.A. this officer & his charger was struck off the strength from the 11th Novr '97 — 11.11.97.

Instructions having been received from Hd Qrs that Lt Col Wilson R.C.A. being the senior regimental officer on the active List he was instructed to perform the duties entailed by that office — R.D.O.3. 12.11.97. & Regt Order No 89.

R.D.O. 15·7·99 & M.G.O. 69 July 97.

The Command of the R.C.A. + R.S.A. at this station was this day handed over to Lt Col. Wilson R.C.A.
On taking leave of the command of the Regt. at Quebec Lt Col C.E. Montizambert expressed his high appreciation of the uniform soldierly conduct + cheerful assistance which has always been accorded by the Officers, N.C.O's + Men during his long term of duty with them. He parts from his old comrades with great regret + wishes his Corps every success in the future.

Lt Col Montizambert left for Kingston to take up his duties as D.O.C. M.D. 3+4.

RDO.3 4·8·99

No. 2996. Gr. O. Portier B Field By died in the Civic Hospital after a long illness, he was buried with Military Honours on 7th inst.

R.D.O. 1-7-7. Aug 2nd 97.

2 Detachments 2nd Regt C.A. + 1 Detachment from Cobourg G.A. arrived at the Citadel for a special course of instruction + proceeded daily to the Island of Orleans to put in their annual Gun Practice. They returned to their Hd Qrs on the 21st + 20th inst respectively.

24·8·99

The R.C.A. Rifle Matches were held on the 24th + 25th inst at St Joseph's Range.

24·8·97

The Regimental Picnic was held at St Joseph's on the 27th + was a great success.

1·9·97

B Field Battery proceeded to Deseronto Ont. by G.T.Ry. to take part in the Camp of Instruction being held there.
Lt Col Wilson was appointed Camp Commandant of this Camp. They returned to Quebec on the 15th inst.

Major V. B. Rivers & Sergt. Instr. Bridgeford proceeded to the Camp of Instruction at P. E. Island for duty there | 18. 6. 97

The Garrison Companies R.C.A. paraded at 9.30 A.M. in Review Order as strong as possible & joined the Brigade parade taking part in the celebration of H.M. the Queens Diamond Jubilee. A Salute of 21 guns was fired from the 7 gun Battery by B. Fd. Battery, R.C.A. | 22. 6. 97.

Dominion Day was observed as a holiday by the R.C.A. A salute of 21 guns was fired at noon. | 1. 7. 97.

Upon his retirement from the command of the Royal Canadian Artillery, Lt Col Irwin issued a Regimental Order (No 88) expressing his thanks to all officers of the Regiment for the cooperation & assistance they at all times had given him during his 25 years service with the Permt. Corps. | 2. 7. 97. vide Reg. Can. Ord. No 88.

No 2069. Gr. J Larkin R.C.A. who was a member of the R.C.A. since 1886. died from Pneumonia. after a short illness, He was buried with Military Honours on the 12th inst. | 10. 7. 97.

Authority was received from Head Quarters to relieve Capt. O.C.C. Pelletier from his duties with B. Field Battery R.C.A. he having been appointed D.O.C. M.D. 7. vice Lt Col. Duchesnay retired. He was granted the temporary rank of Lt Col. | R.D.O. 5. 12. 7. 97. M.G.O. 69 July 97.

Major J.A.G. Hudon R.C.A. was appointed to the command of B Field Battery R.C.A. & took over his duties on the 17th July. | 15. 7. 98

Major R.W. Rutherford proceeded to ~~O~~ttawa for duty in the H^d Q^rs Office, he remained there ~~for~~ until the end of July. R.D.O.12. 19.5.97

The usual salute was fired from the 7 Gun Battery on the occasion of the Queens Birthday. 24.5.97.

No 1884 Corpl. Rutherford. shot himself in the Branch Canteen, & died almost immediately, He was buried with Military Honours on the 31st inst. 28.5.97.

The R.C.A. at Quebec were inspected by the G.O.C. who expressed himself highly pleased with their efficiency & appearance R.O.O. 3.&4. June 97

The Canadian Contingent who had been selected to take part in the Jubilee festivities in England & who had been stationed at Quebec for the past 3 weeks, proceeded to embark for England on the 6th inst. were given a grand send off from Quebec. Serg^t Major O'Grady. Sg^t Simpson & Br. Wilkey of the R.C.A. were selected as representitives of the Contingent. also of Br. Russell No 1 Coy. They returned to Quebec on the 14th July. R.D.O.3. 5.6.97.

Lt Col. Wilson proceeded to Niagara to assume command of the Artillery Brigade at the Camp of Instruction Surgeon Lt Col Sewell was also detailed as P.M.O. 5.6.97

B Field Battery proceeded to St Joseph to the Camp of Instruction held there. Capt du Plessis + 28 N.C.O's + men of the Garrison Companies were also detailed for duty at this Camp. 18.6.97

The January Course of Instruction opened on the 4th January. Over 50 Officers N.C.Os & Men of the various Field & Garrison Batteries joined for a course. in addition 12 N.C.Os & men of the R.C.A. were attached for a course of instruction. This unit was commanded by Major T.B. Rivers. R.C.A.

Major T Benson was appointed adjutant to the provisional school of instruction in infantry which was authorized to be held in Quebec. under the superintendence of the D.O.C. No 7. — R.D.O. 26. 1. 97.

Major Benson, Capt. J. H.C. Ogilvy, Sergts Sutherland & Lafleur proceeded to England for a Course of Instruction. They returned on the 20th Septr. having obtained Certificates for the D.R. Finder. & many others from the Imperial Service — R.D.O. 5 9. 4. 97.

The following Bicycle Uniform was approved of for N.C.Os & Men of R.C.A. when out with bicycles. — R.D.O. 8. 3. 5. 97.
Blue Serge patrol trimmed with black braid 2 pockets. Blue serge knickerbockers, double seat, tight at knee, ~~[illegible]~~. Service Cap. Regimental stockings, Bicycle boots.

Sergt. Lyndon. & Cpl. Power. proceeded to H'fax for a Course of instruction in the use of Maxim Guns. — R.D.O. 6 14. 5. 97.

His Lordship the Bishop of Quebec. was pleased to appoint the Revd. Mr. Lloyd. as C of E. Chaplain to the members of the R.C.A. — R.D.O. 5. 15. 5. 97.

also received from D.O.C. No. 12 relative to the efficient services rendered by Sgt Instructor Bridgeford R.C.A. as instructor to the 4th Regt C.A.

A Guard of Honour was furnished and a salute fired by the R.C.A. on the opening of the sixth session of the eighth legislature of the province of Quebec.

R.D.O.3
16. 11. 96

Captain T. Benson R.C.A. was granted the brevet rank of Major under the provisions of para 90. R+O. 87. from 21st August 1895.

R.D.O.5.
23. 11. 96.
+ G.O. 83/96.

No 2999 Trumpeter Thomson B Field Bty. died from Pneumonia after a brief illness + was buried in Mount Hermon Cemetery with Military Honours on the 7th inst.

R.D.O.3.
5. 12. 96.

No 2650. Gunner S. Cote, a member of the R.C.A. Band died suddenly on his way back barracks on the evening of the 8th. An inquest was held, + the verdict gave Heart disease as the cause of his death. He was buried with military honours on the 11th inst.

R.D.O.9.

The usual Xmas + New Years Dinner for the N.C.O. + men of the R.C.A. was held by the Garrison Companies in the Gymnasium + B Fd Battery in their Barrack Rooms, both places were splendidly decorated + much admired by the Officers, their ladies + friends who with the C.O. Col Montizambert wished all the men a very Happy Christmas + c. the men responding by giving 3 hearty cheers + a tiger for the C.O. other officers, Ladies, + a host of other toasts.

B^{rd} Field Battery under command of Lt Col Wilson proceed to Laprairie Camp on 24th inst to take part in the Field Arty Exercises there, returning on the 8th Oct. — RDO.9 23.9.96.

The Rifle Matches of the R.C.A. took place on the 13th & 14th inst at the Ranges. St Joseph de Levis. — RDO.2. 12.10.96.

Owing to the lateness of the season it was considered advisable to hold no Annual Sports this year. — RDO. 15.10.96.

The undermentioned officers are granted the brevet rank of Majors & Captains respectively under the provisions of para 90. R&O.87. from the dates set opposite their respective names. — GO 92. Oct. 96.

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| Capt V.B. Rivers | 10th August 1895. |
| " J.A.G. Hudon. | do. |
| Lt & Bt Capt. J.A. Fages. | 14th Dec. 1895. |
| Lieutenant. H.C. Thacker. | 10th Oct. 1893. |
| " H.A. Panet. | 2nd May 1894. |
| " H.E. Burstall. | 18th April 1895. |
| " Lenoblet du Plessis. | 25th March 1896. |
| " J.H.C. Ogilvie | 10th Oct. 1896. |
| " J.A. Benyon. | — " — |

The brevet rank of major in Bt Lt Col. J.F. Wilson will date from the 10th July 1889.

A letter was received from the D.O.C. M.D.7 expressing his entire satisfaction with the soldierly conduct & attention to their duties of the N.C.O's of the R.C.A. attached to the staff of the late Brigade Camp Levis. A similar letter was — RDO.6. 27.10.96.

The undermentioned N.C.O. + men were winners of the Can: Mily Rifle League Badges for the current year. | R.D.O.4. 26. 8. 96.

1st Team. Br. W. Pugh. 335 Points
2nd " " Gr. McNamee. 306 "
3rd " " Gr. McMillan. 217 "

Sergt. Instr. Bridgeford + 9 Br. Nott. returned off Command from Shoeburyness Team & Gr. Rosseau also a member of the team return'd on 22nd August. | R.D.O.5. 1. 9. 96.

Lieut-Col C. E. Montizambert, Major T. Benson, Serg. Inst. Slade, Sergeant McCarthy proceeded to McNabs Island Halifax to ~~attend~~ the Artillery Camp held there this year. | R.D.O.3 9. 9. 96 R.D.O.1. 10. 9. 96.

Major Rutherford + Sergt. Inst. Bridgeford proceeded to St. John N.B. to the Artillery Camp held there, Major Rutherford acting as Camp Commandant. | R.D.O.4 12. 9. 96

Surgeon Lt. Col Sewell, Capt. Panet + 8 N.C.O.s + men proceeded to the Brigade Camp at Levis to act in the duties assigned to them returning on 26th inst. | R.D.O.3. 14. 9. 96.

Sergt. Englefield proceeded to Laprairie to act as Camp Qr. Mr. Sergeant. | R.D.O.4 14. 9. 96.

5 Officers + 23 N.C.O.s + men of R.C.A. proceeded to the Artillery Camp at Island of Orleans. D.A.A. Meeting. | R.D.O. 18. 9. 96. 19. 9. 96

The Annual Gun Practice of B Field Battery R.C.A. took place at the Island of Orleans on the 10th inst. The Shoeburyness Team who had been stationed at the Citadel since the 27th June also went to the Island for a preliminary practice before embarking for England, The team proceeded to England on the 15th inst, a smoking concert was given to them by the Sergeants R.C.A. the previous evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Sergt Instr.

RDO 3
9.7.96.

G.O. 36 of 96 relative to the appointment of Vet Surg. J A Couture is cancelled & should read. To be Vet-Lieut J Edmond Couture to complete establishment 6.4.96.

G.O. 61
July 96
RDO 4
4.8.96.

No 1 Company R.C.A. paraded on 11th & proceeded to St Joseph de Levis to Camp for the purpose of carrying out their annual Course of Musketry Instruction they remained in Camp until the 18th inst, when they returned to Quebec & were replaced by No 2 Company R.C.A.
Capt Benoit R.C.A. was detailed as Musketry Instructor.

RDO.
10.8.96.

The Annual Picnic of the R.C.A took place on the 12th inst when some 300 men Women & children embarked on the Steamer Brothers & proceeded to St Anne de Beaupre & from thence to St Thomas, where they remained for a few hours. The weather was very fine & all on board enjoyed themselves thoroughly, returning about 9 P.M.

RDO 2.
11.8.96.

7. 1st Class & 2. 2nd Class Short Course Certificates were obtained by 9 N.C.O's & men of Nos 1 & 2 Companies R.C.A. | R.D.O. 6. 8. 5. 96.

Sergt Lafleur was detailed as Instructor to Students Drill Coy, St Anne de la Pocatiere where is remained for one month. | R.D.O. 6. 13. 5. 96.

Captn Wurtele delivered a Lecture in the R.C.A. Institute on the 20th inst. Subject "Ashanti". There was a large attendance of Officers and Staff Sergts & Sergeants of the R.C.A. Q. & other Corps. | R.D.O. 5. 19. 5. 96.

The usual salute of 21 Guns was fired on the 24th inst. from the saluting battery on the occasion of H.M. the Queen's birthday. The Band was in attendance. | R.D.O. 23. 5. 96

The R.C.A. Q. paraded as strong as possible in "Field Day Order" & was inspected by Major General Sir George Wolseley K.C.B. who was paying a visit to Quebec. He expressed himself as being highly pleased with the appearance and drill of the Regiment. | R.D.O. 2. 5. 6. 96.

Sergeant Instr. Slade was detailed as Instructor to the 3rd Field By Montreal during their annual Drill. | R.D.O. 5. 22. 6. 96.

No 2264 Sergt W. Morgan "B" Field By having died from an attack of Pneumonia was struck off the strength of the Regt. He was buried with military honours on the 7th inst. | R.D.O. 3. 6. 7. 96.

G. O. 6. March 96. amends the establish- 13. 3. 96.
-ment of Nos 1 and 2 Companies as
follows. Majors 1 to read Majors 2.
Captns 1 " " Captns 2.

In consequence of this change
Capt & Bt Major R. W. Rutherford was
promoted to Major by G. O. 17. March '96
& Lt & Bt Capt Benson to Capt by
G. O. 18. G. O. 18. also gave Qr. Mr. & Hon.
Capt Imlah the Hon. rank of Major.

Coy Sergt Major Raimbault proceeded 17. 4. 96
to England to undergo a course of
instruction in Garrison Artillery
He returned to Quebec at the end
of September -

G. O. 25. Apl 96 To be Lt from 25th March
1896. Lt Joseph Eugene Lesueur du
Plessis R. M. C. vice Benson promoted
Lt du Plessis reported for duty on
1st June.

G. O. 36 To be Vety Lieut from 6th April
1896 Vet-Surgeon Joseph A. Couture from
1st Field Battery C. A. to complete establish-
-ment.

Vet-Surgeon J. A. Couture performed
duty with B. Field Battery until
4. 8. 96. when he was replaced by
his son J. E. Couture.

The attached Company for Winter 1896 was formed as follows.

R.A.O.
2. 1. 96.

Captain V. B. Rivers Captain.
Sergt Instr. Slade. A/Coy Sergt Major.
Owing to the talk of war with the United States over the Venezuelan difficulty, [illegible] at this time were received that as many applicants should be admitted for the Course as could be conveniently managed & consequently 46 N.C.O's & Men of the active Militia were taken on for instruction in Garrison Artillery and 24 N.C.O's & Men for Field Artillery.

During Carnival week the R.C.A. Snow Shoe Club took part in the attack on the Ice Fort and also formed one of the leading features of the Carnival Parade. The Snow shoe club was composed of nearly all the N.C.O's & Men

Carnival Week 1896.

Captain Pelletier was Presdt of the Club & Qr. Mr. Sergeant Woods Captain.

The postponed meeting of V.R.I. Club for 1895 was held during Carnival week in the R.C.A. Institute, Major General Gascoigne being present also Lt Col Irwin (Presdt of the Club) Lt Cols Montizambert & Wilson, Major W. Young. R.R.B.I. Surgeon Majors Nilson, Sewell & Campbell & several others. The annual Dinner of the Club was held in the Citadel Mess on 31st January.

V.R.I. Meeting

The A.A.G.A. inspected the R.C.A. Quebec on 29th October "B" Field Battery in drill order. No 1 and 2 Compys. "Fort Manning." The Office Books were inspected on 29th inst. — 27. 10. 95.

Lieut & Bt. Capt. T. Benson is appointed adjutant and Sergt. Instr. Bridgeford & Coy Sergt. Major Rainbault drill instructors of a special ~~course~~ class of Instruction for Infantry Officers, held during the evenings of Jany. Feby & March 1896. — 4. 12. 95.

26 Officers received instruction
of whom. 8 obtained 1st Cl. Certificates
6 do 2nd " "
The members of the Board of Examiners were
Lieut Col. T. J. Duchesnay D.O.C. M.D.7.
Lieut-Col. D'Orsonnens. R.R.C.I. St Johns.
Lt & Bt. Capt. T. Benson. R.C.A. Quebec

Surgeon Major Sewell. P.M. Officer.
Capt Imlah. Camp. Qr master.
" Fages. Brigade major.
Lieut Panet. Musketry Instr.
5 N.C. Officers Subordinate Staff.

A detachment of men under Lieut Ogilvy furnished the necessary police &c.

<u>Convictions by Courts martial from 1/7/94 to 30/6/95.</u> ~~R.D.O.~~ ~~16.9.95.~~

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| Offences against discipline | 5. | Annual |
| Desertion. | 12. | Report |
| Illegal absence. | 5. | 30. 6. 95 |
| Theft. | 3. | App. B. Page. 18. |
| Other Offences. | 25. | |
| Total | 50. | |

<u>Certificates granted.</u> App. "C" Page 19.

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| 1st L. Course | Grade "B" | | 7 |
| 2nd do | do. | | 1. |
| 1st Short Course | Grade "A" | | 3. |
| 1st do | Grade "B" | | 39 |
| 2nd do | do. | | 20. |
| 1st Special do. | do "A" | | 4 |
| 2nd do | do. | | 2 |
| | | Total | 76. |

The annual Gun Practice of "B" Field Battery took place at the Island of Orleans on 18th inst. R.D.O. 16. 9. 96.

The R.C.A. Quebec furnished the usual Staff and working party for the D.A.A. Camp Island of Orleans under command of Lt Col. Montizambert. 19. 9. 96.

1st July next.

The Adjutant General has authorized the following procedure to be adopted in the selection of the men who are to receive their discharge before 30th inst, and the number required will be obtained from the following classes in their order.

(1.) All N.C.O's & men wishing to obtain their discharge on or before the 30th inst

(2). Men whose retention in the corps is considered as undesirable by the Officer Commanding

(3) Men in their first period of service whose engagement will terminate during the present year.

The discharge of all N.C.O's & men selected as above will be carried out as soon as convenient and before the corps proceeds to any camp of instruction

In compliance with the above instructions N.C.O's & men wishing to obtain their discharge on or before 30th inst will at once forward their names through the Officer Commanding their unit.

In accordance with these orders 71 N.C.O's & men were discharged before the 30th June and 5 were transferred to "A" Battery Kingston. Of those whom were discharged 5 applied for ~~[illegible]~~ re-enlistment within three months and were taken back.

The R.C.R. furnished the following Staff for Brigade Camp Levis viz:— R.D.O. 22-6-95.

to "B" Field Battery, Capt R.W. Rutherford took over the command of No1 Company. RDO

On 31st March Lt Col Wilson, Major Rutherford & Sergt Instr Slade proceeded to England to undergo courses of instn. During the absence of Col Wilson Capt J.A.G. Hudon of "A" Field Battery took command of "B" Field Battery. Col Wilson returned to his corps on 17th August, having passed the examination for Tactical fitness for Command as laid down in R.R. '94 App VIII. 27. 3. 95.

Capt V.B. Rivers was transferred from No2 Co. to No1 Company & took command of same until Capt Rutherfords return from England on the 2nd November. 1st April 1894.

Capt Fages was transferred by same order from No1 Coy. to No 2 Coy.

G.O.16. 30th March. Appointed Surgn Major C.C. Sewell to be Deputy Surgeon General in the Active Militia from 1st February and Major R.W. Rutherford was granted brevet rank of Major in the Active Militia by same order. 19. 4. 95.

Revised Establishment R.A.O.5.

Notification has been received from Head Quarters to the effect that the revised establishment for the R.C.A. at this Station will be 12.6.95.

"B" Field Battery. Total. 40.

No: 1 & 2 Companies do. 161.

The above establishment to take effect on

R.D.O.

Capt Fages was placed in command of the Attached Company. and Sergeant Instructor Bridgeford acted as Sergeant Major. & about 25 N.C.O's & men of the Active Militia & 13 N.C.O's & Men. of the R.C.A. went through the course 5 Officers were attached for periods varying from two to six weeks for Special Courses. 4 1. 95.

(R.O.77) appointed Lieut Thacker to be Adjutant of the R.C.A. Quebec vice Capt Rutherford whose term of service had expired. Capt Rutherford had performed the duties of adjutant since 1885. 12. 1. 95.

(R.O.79.) Major & Br. Lt-Col J F Wilson was transferred from No 1 Company to the Command of B Field Battery. 28. 1. 95.

In accordance with instructions from Head Qrs, a School of Instruction in (Field Artillery) was at once commenced in connection with B Field Battery. The Officer Comdg B Field By was granted command pay for his duties in relation to this school.

Instructions as to the powers of the O.C. B Field By regarding interior economy, discipline &c. were also given at this time

In accordance with these orders a course of instruction was commenced on 11th Feby 1895 some 20 N.C.O's & men of the Active Militia being attached 10. 2. 95.

On Col Wilson's transfer

Government Grant and the Institute room suitably furnished and supplied with Electric light

An opening lecture was delivered by Lt Col Montizambert on Tactics, lectures were also given during the winter of 94-95 by Lt Col Wilson on supply of Ammunition for Field Artillery and by Mr Justice Davidson of Montreal on the Responsibilities & duties of the Militia & Justices of the Peace in the suppression of Riots.

Fort Manning.

During the summer of 1894 was elaborated a scheme (& put into practice) for Fort Manning according to the principles laid down in Garrison Artillery Drill Vol I. 92. so far as such principles could be adapted to the almost obsolete works and Armament of the Citadel.

Establishment.

In July '94 the establishment of "B" Battery was increased by 1 Lieutenant 1 Battery Sergeant Major 2 Sergeants and 24 Rank and file making the total strength of the Battery 60 instead of 32.

The Garrison Companies were practically unchanged

From this date the orders of the R.C.A. at Quebec are issued as Regimental ~~District Orders~~. Band O. 27.12.94.

For Annual Report for 1894 refer back to 30.6.94.

was removed on 23rd May 1894 from Louise Basin to Drill Shed slung between 2 Sling wagons. Both guns were mounted on timber foundations at the east end of the drill shed. Sergeant-Major Armstrong Armourer Artificer James Barrington with a working party of N C Os & Men, put the guns & mountings together and drill was commenced in September 1894, both companys being put through each drill in turn.

The 6" Gun was taken down in March 1896 and sent forward to British Columbia to be placed in position in one of the Forts at Esquimault.

R.C.A. Institute

In April 1894 was formed the R.C.A. Institute composed of the officers of the Royal Canadian Artillery ~~[illegible]~~. Through the efforts of Major General Herbert a grant of $500 was given by the Government towards its formation. Permission was obtained to convert the old Court room in the married quarters St Louis St into a Museum, Library & Meeting room. Owing again to the assistance of the G.O.C. the Institute was supplied by the War Office with a number of Official books, Maps, Reports &c and was also put on the list for receiving new maps as issued by the Intelligence Department. A number of technical books were also purchased out of the

C.C. by 1st Trumpeter.
Section Commander by No. 7. of left subdivisions of sections.
Sergeant-Major by No 7 of No1 Subdivision
No1. by lead drivers
Captain No 7 of No 3 subdivision

<u>Dress Regulations. Officers.</u> Gar: Order. 31. 10. 94

In accordance with instructions from the G.C.R.C.A. dated Ottawa 29. 10. 94 A.G.O. No 53706. the Field Gun on the undress pouch is the same size as formerly worn on the undress pouch with the cypher above it. The dress pouch $5\frac{5}{8}$" long by $2\frac{3}{4}$" deep is correct being in accordance with Dress Regulations 1891., But there is no objection to the newer pattern (in accordance with Dress Regulations 1894) if it has been supplied or is to be ordered.

R.O. 73 Restricts the wearing of plain clothes to the Mr Gr, Sergt. Major, Band-master, and Officers & Mess Servants; and forbids others to have them in their possession. Permission was afterwards given from Head Quarters, for Canteen managers to wear plain clothes. (22 Nov-94). 10. 11. 94

In May 1894 was commenced the moving into drill shed and placing in position a 6" (5 Ton) B.L. Gun on H.P. mounting and a 9" (12 Ton) R.M.L. gun on high angle mounting. The 6" gun arrived in November 1893 and was taken to the Citadel on Sling wagon. The 9" Gun 6" & 9" Guns.

The Honble The Minister of Militia (Hon J. C. Patterson) and His Honor the Lieut Gov. of Quebec (The Honble Mr Chapleau) visited the Citadel on the 19th October and viewed the R.C.A. at Infantry and Artillery drills. The Honble the Minister of Militia was pleased to express his high appreciation of their turn out, smartness and general efficiency

Garn Order 19.10.94

The Minister of Militia also donated $100.00 for a special dinner for the men and requested the C.O. to grant them a holiday

The Range finding and Fire discipline Competition between the Garrison Companies was held at the Island of Orleans on 26th October, No1 Company winning with          points

24.10.94

Regtl Order 90.

24.10.94

(1) The following method of carrying Gun detachments will be adopted in "A" and "B" Batteries R.C.A.

Mounted) No1. on his horse. 2 and 3 on the Gun Limber; 4 and 5 on the axle tree seats 6 between 2 and 3 on the Gun Limber 7 on the off lead horse. 8 and 9 on the wagon limbers

(2). In marching Order kits will be carried as follows No1 on his horse, wallets and divided valise. 2 and 3 On back of Gun limber, Knapsacks. 4+5, 6+7. Gun Carriage 4+5 on top 6 and 7 under.

Wheels Driver on pad of off horse valise
Lead Driver on offside of trail - valise
No 8 and 9 On wagon body Knapsacks.

(3) When in action, Horses of dismounted Officers & N.C. Officers will be held as follows.

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| In accordance with orders from O.C.R.C.A. the establishment of kit for Marching Order Garrison Artillery is to be the same as detailed in Garrison Artillery Drill '92 Vol 1 page 516. | Garrn Orders. 20. 8. 94. |
| Lieut Col Wilson was appointed to Command the Field Artillery Camp at Laprairie from 13th to 26th September, Capt Pelletier as Camp Adjutant. | 22. 8. 94. |
| The R.C.A. supplied the usual Staff and working party for the Q.A.A. Camp Island of Orleans. 3rd to 7th September. | 4. 9. 94 |
| During the Provincial Exhibition at Quebec a patrol of 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal & 18 men were furnished daily to protect the property &c. They were sworn in as special constables. | 12. 9. 94. |
| The G.O.C. inspected "B" Battery on the Esplanade on the 2nd October, the R.C.A. Office books &c on the 3rd and the Garrison Companies on the 4th October | 1. 10. 94. |
| Regtl Order 70. authorizes a complete establish-ment of service ammunition for the gun and limbers, and 1st line of wagons for the complete establishment of "A" and "B" Batteries to be maintained on Battery Charge. They are to be so stored that the Battery Commanders shall be able to have access to it at all times | 5. 10. 94. |

The Minister of Militia approved of the issue of working pay to N.C.O's & Men of the R.C.A. employed in certain operations in connection with moving heavy guns, making up ammunition, painting and cleaning ordnance shifting heavy warlike stores &c. &c. | Garr Orders 25. 7. 94

White removable shoulder straps with badges of rank to be worn with white Summer jacket, the jacket to have a standing collar and to be worn off parades only. | 30. 7. 94 4. 8. 94.

The R.C.A. pitched Camp for the Regt Camp R.R.C.I. at Engineer Park Levis, sent the Band to play the 1st detachment (No 3 Co. St John) into Camp on 14th inst and prepared their breakfasts. The Band played the remaining Company from Levis Station to Engineer Park on 15th inst and played at R.R.C.I Mess on guest nights during the Camp | Garrn Orders 14. 8. 94

During the progress of this Camp under the personal command of Major General Ivor C Herbert C.B the officers of the R.C.A on many occasions, availed themselves of the invitation offered them to attend either as spectators or participation in the various branches of Field training which were practiced, Detachments also of the R.C.A. were sent over to assist at some of the manoevres. The best of feeling prevailed between all ranks of the two Corps

The R.C.A. and R.R.C.I. were reviewed on the plains of Abraham by Major General Herbert on 22nd September.

For N.C.Os & Men:

Helmet Plates & buttons. Same as previously described for Officers. Sergeants Water Gilt other ranks. Gilt metal.

| | Garrn Orders. |
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| Regimental Order No 66. Posts Lieut H.A. Panet to No1 Company on appointment | 28. 5. 94 |
| Lieut J.A. Benyon No 2 Coy is transferred to B Field Battery from 15th June until further orders, Lieut Benyon was afterwards transferred (13. 8. 94) to B Battery by Regt Order No 67 dated 9th August '94 | 1. 6. 94. |
| The Bandsmen are issued with 1 gold embroidered lyre for cloth tunic and 1 pair worsted lyres for serge tunic, to be worn on left forearm. First issues free subsequent issues on repayment. | 15. 6. 94. |

| Convictions by Courts Martial. | | Annual Report 30. 6. 94 |
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| Offences against discipline | 5. | |
| Desertions | 10. | Appendix B. |
| Illegal absence. | 2. | Page 2. |
| Theft. | 1 | |
| Other offences. | 20. = 38 | |

| Certificates Granted. | | | App. "C." Pg. 3 |
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| 1st Long Course. Grade A. | | 1 | |
| 1 " " " | B. | 3. | G.O.C.'s Report |
| 1st Short " " | A | 2 | vide Part II. |
| 2nd " " " | A | 2 | pages. I & II. |
| 1st " " " | B | 14 | |
| 2nd " " " | B. | 11 | |
| 1st Special " | A | 4 | |
| 2nd do " | A | 1 | |
| | | 38. | |

the Imperial Crown with gun below, the word "Canada" above the gun and the motto Quo fas et gloria ducunt on scroll below. Dimension from top of crest to bottom of plate back measurement 3 inches.

Buttons. Gilt plain, The Royal & Imperial Cypher within a garter bearing the designation "Royal Canadian Artillery" surmounted by the Imperial Crown

Sabretache Ornament. (Undress) Gilt metal of the same pattern in every respect as for helmet plate.

Waist Plate (undress) Gilt metal frosted.

The Royal & Imperial Cypher (V.R.I.) in a garter bearing the designation Royal Canadian Artillery surmounted by the Imperial Crown encircled with wreath of maple leaves with motto "Canada" below.

Pouch Ornament. (Undress) A Gun in gilt metal surmounted by the Royal and Imperial Cypher and Imperial Crown the latter to be of the same dimensions as the shoulder strap ornament for rank & file.

Shoulder strap ornaments for rank & file

The Royal and Imperial Cypher surmounted by the Imperial Crown, for Sergeants, water gilt. Privates:- gilding metal. Dimensions from top of crest to bottom of ornament $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches width $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch

Staff Sergeants. The Royal & Imperial Cypher (V.R.I) surmounted by the Imperial Crown embroidered on the strap in gold, special dimensions, scarlet cloth shoulder straps.

Regimental Order No 65. Ottawa 9-5-94. Garrn orders. 11th May 1894.

Transfers of Officers

Capt V. B. Rivers from No 1 Co. to No 2 Co. Quebec.
Lieut & Br Capt. J. A. Fages from No 2 Co to No 1 Co. — "—
Lieut & Br Capt G. H. Ogilvie from No 1 Co. Quebec to "A" Battery, Kingston

The following officers from the R.C.A. Q. were granted leave of absence to proceed to Toronto to be present at a meeting of the officers of the Permanent Force held in Stanley Barracks Toronto for the purpose of forming a club to be known as the "V.R.I. club." Lt Cols. Montizambert & Wilson, Captains Rutherford Benson, Imlah & Pelletier and Lieut Thacker. 14-5-94.

A detachment consisting of Riding Instructor O'Grady, Sergt Slade & Br Simpson and 4 Drivers also went to Toronto to take part in the Military Tournament held there on 17th 18th 19th insts

G. O. 35. Garrn Order.

Dress Regulations, Royal Permanent Regiments. 25-5-94.

I. The following alterations in the Badges & Ornaments for the Royal Perm't Regiments have been approved.

II. Sealed patterns of Badges and Ornaments will be deposited for reference and guidance at the several Stations Royal Permanent Regiments They have likewise been furnished by Messrs Hawkes & Co 14 Piccadilly, London England by whom they are manufactured

(b.) Royal Canadian Artillery.

Helmet Plate, Gilt metal device, the Royal and Imperial Cypher "V.R.I" surmounted by

M.G. 628. 20th April 1894. | Garrn Orders. 27. 4. 94.

Promotions Royal Can: Artillery.

To be Major, from 17th April 1894.

Captain A. A. Farley. to complete establishmt.

Regimental Order No 64. | G. Orders. 30. 4. 94.

Dress Regulations.

Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of the R.C.A. are permitted to provide themselves with Serge frocks of the following pattern.

Plain blue serge, single breasted with collar (stand up) of same material gilt metal grenades to be worn on collar scarlet shoulder straps with badge, tracing on cuff of ½ inch black braid, hip pockets without flaps, jacket fastened with small regimental buttons, Badges of rank as for cloth patrol. The above frock is to be worn only at drill, fatigues and work in barracks and quarters but is not to be worn on C.O. parades or in town. (Sd.) [illegible])

Efficiency Badges 1893. | Garrn Orders. 2. 5. 94.

The following Field Artillery Efficiency Badges, have been awarded by the Dominion Artillery Association to the undermentioned N.C.O's & men of "B" Battery.

Silver Cross guns Best Battery Shot 96th R.M.A. competition to Bombr. Simpson

Embroidered Cross Guns Second best Shot do to Q.M. Sergt. Costin

Embroidered Cross whips Best Driver to Driver Lapanne.

do do 2nd Best - to Driver Shanahan

and Attached Company on Snowshoes with 40 rounds of blank ammunition per man. 5 gun detachments to man Citadel ~~guns~~ works with 20 rds. per gun, and "B" Field Battery with 2 Field Guns on sleighs, took part in the attack. The 8th + 9th Battns. also formed part of the attacking force which was supposed to have finally victorious

The G.O.C. was afterwards pleased to express his satisfaction at the manner in which his instructions for the Military operations had been carried out.

Regimental Order No 61. lays down that the gold cord for the trimming of shoulder straps of tunics and mess jackets is to be the same size and pattern as that used round the collar of tunic. This order also directs the wearing of a straight all round white linen collar under the serge patrol, not to project more than ¼ inch over the top of latter. — 17. 2. 94

If the serge is not worn under the winter patrol a false collar of same pattern as serge white collar is to be worn.

The Garrison limits for the R.C.A. in Quebec are defined as bounded by the St Charles and St Lawrence Rivers and a line drawn from the St Lawrence passing through the crossroad between the St Louis and St Foye roads and thence to a point on the Lorette Branch of the St Charles River where the Lorette road crosses it — 3. 4. 94.

By a subsequent order dated 12.6.94 members of the R.C.A Bicycle Club were permitted to proceed beyond these limits on their bicycles

Instructions to Officers Commanding Schools of Instruction dated Ottawa 30th December 1893, were issued by the G.O.C., giving detailed orders for the Officers, N.C. Officers and Men, of the Active Militia attached for instruction to be formed into a separate unit or Company. under command of one of the subaltern officers of the Permanent Force. with a drill Sergeant to act as Pay Sergeant.

Garrn Orders. 2. 1. 94.

In compliance with these orders the first Attached Company was formed out of the Winter Course January 1894; Capt Benson acting as Captain with Sergt McCarthy as Sergeant Major and Pay Sergeant. About 26 N.C.O's & Men of the Active Militia were attached for instruction, besides 4 men attached from the R.C.A. to qualify. Capt A.G. Hesslein & 2nd Lieut J.A. Marshall Halifax Battn Garrn Artillery were attached for a special course of instruction from 22nd January to 13th February.

The R.C.A. annual Sports for 1893 were held during the Quebec Winter Carnival on the 31st January '94 at the Q.A.A.A. grounds.

G.O. 30. 1. 94.

All the events consisting of 1 mile race egg & spoon race, marching order race, mounted tournament, obstacle race &c. took place on snow shoes. Her Excelly the Countess of Aberdeen General Montgomery Moore, G.O.C. British North America, Major General Herbert G.O.C. Canadian Militia, Col Irwin, Comdg R.C.A. and many other distinguished visitors were present.

For the military display in connection with the winter carnival, the R.C.A. provided an Infantry battalion composed of No. 1 and 2 Coys.

31. 1. 94.

Certificates Granted. R.S.A. Quebec.

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| Long Course | Grade | A. | (1st) | 2. |
| do. | do | B. | 1st | 1 |
| Short Course | do | A. | 1st | 2. |
| do | do | "B" | 1st | 8 |
| do | do | " | 2nd | 14. |
| Special Course | do. | A. | 1st | 6. |
| do | do. | " | 2nd | 1 |
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For G.O.C.'s Report on Permanent Force.
see Annual Report June 30th 1893. Pages 35-37

Garrn. Orders. 22·12·93.

An order was issued to the effect that the winter fur cap was to be worn with the top turned in, a Regimental Order dated 3rd February 1894 cancelled this order for the Garrison Companies, the Field Battery only being allowed to wear them turned in,

On the 17th January 1896 permission was again granted to the Garrison Companies to turn in the top of the cap.

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Details in connexion with "B" Battery R.C.A. for year ending 30th June 1893.

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| Authorized Establishment | 162. | |
| Strength on June 30th 1892. | 143. | |
| do do 1893. | 145. | |
| Discharged by Purchase. | 13. | Become Non effective |
| Discharged unsuitable | 5. | |
| Discharged invalided | 3 | |
| Discharged Time expired. | 18. | |
| Deserted | 18. | |
| Died | 1 | |
| Transferred. | 2. | |
| Total. | 60. | |
| Enlisted | 39 | Enrolled |
| Reengaged | 11 | |
| Transferred. | 3. | |
| Returned from Desertion | 9 | |
| | 62 | |

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Convictions by Courts Martial.

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| Offences against discipline | 4. |
| Desertion | 10. |
| Illegal absence. | 1. |
| Theft. | 3. |
| Other Offences. | 21. |
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on the strap, in gold for Staff Sergeants yellow worsted for N.C. Officers and men

Buttons same as previously described for officers, in brass for N.C. Officers & men.

(Sd) D. T. Irwin Lt Col.
Comdg R.C.A.

approved (Sd) Ivor Herbert
Maj Genl.
Comd. C. Militia.

Garrison Orders 11th Decr. 93

Proceedings of a Board of Officers convened to consider details with respect to the amalgamation of the different organisations of the late "B" & "C" Batteries were forwarded to the O.C. R.C.A. at Ottawa who sanctioned the proposals contained therein and the Institutions were designated as follows.

Officers Mess R.C.A. Quebec
Sergeants Mess R.C.A. "
Canteen R.C.A. "
Band R.C.A. "
Library R.C.A.

Garrison Orders 13th Decr. 93.

Regimental Order No 59 lays down a syllabus for course of instruction for officers on appointment to R.C.A. The course to last not less than six months and to include all the subjects laid down for Short Course R.C.A. and in the syllabus for examination of officers. (Lieuts) G.R. 93 App VII The course to be carried out under personal supervision of the Commandant R.C.A. Quebec

Under the above order, the three last appointed officers Lieuts Thacker, Ogilvy and Benyon were at once put through a course which terminated in June 1894.

lace, similar to that on the sabretache.
Pouch, undress Binocular case. Black patent leather to hold a field glass, solid leather flap.. A gun in gilt metal surmounted by the Royal Imperial Cypher and Imperial Crown - on the flap.
Pouch and Sword belt undress.
Brown leather, of same dimensions and pattern as the white leather belts hitherto worn.
Gloves. Brown dogskin of Regimental sealed pattern except in Review order when white leather gloves are to be worn.
Shoulder Straps. of Scarlet cloth lined with blue, with badges of rank, are worn on Tunics, stable jackets, patrol jackets cloakes and winter jackets. For tunics and stable jackets, they will be edged with round gold lace, fastened with a small regimental button at the top, badges of rank in silver embroidery for tunics and stable jackets, gold embroidery for patrol and gilt metal for serge patrol, cloak and winter jacket
Waist belt undress. Gilt frosted
The Royal Imperial Cypher "V.R.I." in a garter, bearing the words "Royal Canadian Artillery" with the Imperial Crown above encircled with a wreath of maple leaves with motto "Canada" below.
N.C Officers and men.
Shoulder Straps. Scarlet cloth lined with blue fastened at top with small regimental buttons, Royal and Imperial Cypher V.R.I. surmounted by Imperial Crown embroidered

Regimental Order No 58. 17. 11. 93. Garrn. Orders. 24. 11. 93.

Dress Regulations, Royal Can: Artillery.

The following alterations in the uniform of officers, non commissioned officers & men have been approved.

Helmet Plate. Gilt for Officers, Water gilt for Staff Sergeants, Brass for N.C.O's & Men.

device :- The Royal & Imperial Cypher VRI surmounted by Imperial Crown with gun below. "Canada" above the gun and "Quo fas et gloria ducunt" below.

Dimensions.

From top of crest to bottom of plate 4 inches

Extreme horizontal width back measurement 3 inches

Buttons. Gilt plain. The Royal Imperial Cypher in a garter bearing the words Royal Canadian Artillery with Imperial Crown above.

Sabretache Dress. Blue morocco leather faced with blue cloth, ½ inch lace round the face ¼ inch from the edge. An embroidered device with the lace, of the Royal ~~Canadian~~ Imperial ~~Artillery~~ Cypher, surmounted by Imperial Crown and a gun below, with a wreath of maple leaves and the motto "Canada" above the gun and Quo fas et gloria ducunt below it.

Sabretache Undress.

Black Patent leather with Badge same as for helmet plate, in gilt metal.

Pouch Dress Blue morocco leather collapsing pouch with 2 pockets, the leaf 5⅝ in long by 2¾ inch ~~wide~~ deep covered with blue cloth, and edged with ¾ inch lace, an embroidered device within the

M.G.O. 64. defines the rate of pay for Captains and Quarter Masters in Permanent Force as follows. | M.G.O. 64. 13. 10. 93.

Captains $2.82 per diem. | Garrn Orders. 16. 10. 93.

Qr. Masters. $2.00 per diem.

Permanent Corps. | M.G.O. 65. 13. 10. 93.

Royal Canadian Artillery. To be Captains from 10th October 1893 Lieut & Captain Alfred A. Farley. ~~Lieut & Captain. Robert William Rutherford.~~ Lieut and Brevet Captain Victor Brereton Rivers.

To be Lieutenants from 10th October 1893.
Lieut Herbert Cyril Thacker R.M.C. from 19th Battalion vice A.A. Farley promoted.
2nd Lieut Joseph Andrew Benyon R.S.A. from Montreal Field Battery vice R.W. Rutherford. promoted.
2nd Lieut John Herbert Cecil Ogilvy R.S.A. from Quebec Field Battery vice V.B. Rivers promoted.

The annual 40 pr. gun practice occurred on the 20th October, Each Garrison Company supplying 8 gun layers | Garrn Orders. 19. 10. 93.

By Regimental Order 57 the undermentioned officers are posted as follows. | 24. 11. 93.

Lieut J.H.C. Ogilvy No 1 Company.
Lieut H.C. Thacker. No 2 Company.
Lieut J.A. Benyon. No 2 Company.

the 19th inst during the ceremony of swearing in the Governor General: a salute of 19 guns being fired from the Citadel.

The Trumpet and Bugle Calls formerly adopted for "B" Battery, will in future be used for the R.C.A. Quebec. — Garn. Orders. 19. 9. 93.

Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen and the G.O.C. will inspect the Barracks and married Quarters at 2 p.m. this day. — 20. 9. 93.

Captains Farley and Rutherford proceed to Halifax to undergo a course of instruction in Garrison artillery with the R.A. Captain Fages takes over the duties of adjutant and Captain Benson Command of No 2 Company. Captains Farley and Rutherford returned to Quebec on 30th November — 26. 9. 93.

Regimental Order 55 is published detailing occasions for use of Officers Patrol jackets, Cloth + Serge, Pouch + Belt. Sword + Field Service Cap. — Garn. Orders. ~~Regtl. Orders~~ 4. 10. 93.

Regimental Order 55A cancels para 27 Regns for Permanent Corps and provides quarters for an establishment of 8 married officers at Quebec including a Quarter Master but not a Medical Officer and lays down regulations regarding the distribution of quarters and the drawing of allowances in lieu thereof.

Captain O.C.C. Pelletier and Sergeant Instructor O'Grady are taken on the strength, having returned off command, after undergoing a course of instruction in England. Captain O.C.C. Pelletier assumes command of "B" Battery and Sergeant-Instructor O'Grady is to perform the duties of Battery Sergeant Major in the same. | Garr. Orders 11th 12th. 9.93.

By A.G.O. 47809. No 1908. Qr. Mr. Sergeant Fellows is transferred to the Montreal Battalion of Garrison Artillery as Instructor, Sergeant-Major & Caretaker and is shewn as supernumerary to the establishment of the R.C.A. | 2. 9. 93

This is the first of a series of appointments of N.C. Officers from the R.C.A. to act as instructors to Corps of Active Militia, while held as supernumerary to the strength of the R.C.A. Master Gunner Mulcahy was afterwards (21 October 1893) transferred to the British Columbia Battalion of Garrison Artillery and Sergeant Instructor Boutillier to the Royal Military College of Canada on 4th May '94

On the occasion of the landing of His Excelly the Earl of Aberdeen Governor General; the R.C.A. furnished a Guard of Honour on 17th inst. No 1 Company at the Louise Embankment and No 2 Company at the Governor Generals Quarters Citadel, a Guard of Honour is also detailed to attend at the Parliament Buildings on | 16. 9. 93.

M.G.O. 51. Head Quarters Ottawa 25/8/93. Garrn Orders 1. 9. 93.

Brevet

To be Lieut-Colonel

Major James Frederick Wilson G.S. Royal Canadian Artillery from 10th August 1893.

Regimental Order No 53. do.

Postings of Officers.

Lieut W E Cooke will be posted to "A" Battery vice Lt + Bt Captain Ogilvie transferred to No 1 Company.

Promotions.

No 5 of Regimental Order No 52. is hereby cancelled. and the following substituted therefor.

All promotions up to and including the rank of Sergeant in the R. C. Artillery at Quebec will be made by the Commandant. Promotion to the rank of Staff Sergeant and all appointments in that grade will be made as heretofore by the Officer Commanding the Regiment

Appointments

Master Gunner Bridgeford No 2 Coy to be Sergeant-Major in the same.

Sergeant-Major Mulcahy No 2 Company to be Master-Gunner in the same

Riding Instructor O'Grady to be Sergt Instructor in No 2 Company. This appointment to be provisional upon that N.C. Officer obtaining a Long Course Certificate

Sergeant Rainbault to be Sergeant-Instr in No 2 Company. R.C.A.

(Sd) R. J. Irwin
Lt-Col.
Commanding R.C.A.

4 Men enlisted at Quebec will receive Regimental numbers consecutively up to 4000. Those enlisted at Kingston will receive numbers from 4000 to 5000. N.C Officers and Men will continue to retain their regimental numbers throughout the whole period of their service.

5. Promotions to the rank of Corporal will be made in Companies and in B. Battery by the Officers commanding.

Promotions to the rank of Sergeant will be made by the Commandant from the list of qualified N.C Officers at Quebec..

Promotion to the rank of Staff Sergeant will continue to be made as usual by the Officer Commanding the Royal Canadian Artillery

Sd. D. T. Irwin
Lt.Col.
Commanding R.C.A.

The distinguishing letters will be removed from all uniforms of No 1 and 2 Companies and returned to Store. 28. 8. 93.

The General Officer Commanding holds his annual Inspection this day beginning with Field Artillery Barracks, and on the 1st September, Inspects the Garrison Companies on the Plains of Abraham in marching order in the morning & at Citadel in artillery drills in the after-noon, On the 2nd September the G.O.C. again inspected the Garrison Companies in Field Day order.

Garrison Orders. 31. 8. 93. 1. 9. 93.

2. Trumpeters.

62 Rank and file.

Married Establishment 1 Officer's wife and 2 Children and 6 N.C.O's wives and 12 Children.

Regt Order No 52. 23rd Augst 1893. Garrison Orders. 28. 8. 93.

Postings of Officers

1. With reference to G.O. 50. 18. 8. 93. Officers will be posted as follows.

"A" Battery R.C.A. Kingston.
- Major C.W. Drury.
- Lt + Bt Capt J.A.G. Hudson.
- Lt + Bt Capt G.H. Ogilvie
- Lt + Bt Capt L.M. Gaudet.
- Lieut H.E. Burstall.

"B" Battery R.C.A. Quebec. Lt + Bt Capt O.C.C. Pelletier.

No 1 Company R.C.A. Quebec
- Major J.F. Wilson
- Lt + Bt Capt R.W. Rutherford
- Lt + Bt Capt V.B. Rivers
- Lieut W.E. Cooke.

No 2 Company R.C.A. Quebec
- Lt + Bt Capt A.A. Farley.
- Lt + Bt Capt T. Benson.
- Lt + Bt Capt J.A. Fages.

2. Lt + Bt Captain R.W. Rutherford ~~will~~ act as Adjutant at Quebec and Lt + Bt Capt L.M. Gaudet as Adjutant at Kingston until further orders.

3. The present Field Section at Quebec will be organized as "B" Battery.

Upon the arrival of "B" Battery at the strength of No 1 and 2 Companies will be equalized as far as possible by the Commandant, due regard being paid to the relative seniority of N.C. Officers

2. The Inspector of Artillery will issue the necessary orders, for the redistribution of the personnel of the existing batteries in accordance with the above.

G.O. 50.
18. 8. 93.
continued

By Command.
(Sd) Walker Powell.
Colonel.
Adjt General of Militia
Canada

Detail of above.

Battery Orders.
22. 8. 93.

In accordance with the above the Field Section will in future be designated "B" Battery R.C.A., Captain Pelletier is the officer in command of this unit but during his absence, Capt. Fages assumes command.

The Garrison portion of the former "B" Battery is designated No 1 Company R.C.A.

Veterinary Surgeon Hall is struck off the strength of the R.C.A. having been transferred to the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Battery Orders. 23.8.93.

Captain V.B. Rivers having reported from "A" Battery R.C.A. Kingston on transfer is taken on strength of No 1 Company

25. 8. 93.

The following detail of "C" Battery R.C.A. having arrived at 1.30 P.M. to day from Victoria B.C. are taken on the strength at this Station. viz:

26. 8. 93.

2 Officers, Lt & Bt Capts. J. Benson & G. Ogilvie
6 Sergeants.

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| The R.C.A. furnished a Guard of Honour & fired a salute on the occasion of the prorogation of the Legislature | 14. 1. 98. |
| Major T. Benson was appointed Adjutant vice Capt. Thacker whose term of appointment as such expires on 16th inst. | 15. 1. 98. |
| The R.C.A. furnished a Guard of Honour & Salute was fired, on the occasion of the installation of the new Lt Governor of the province of Quebec. | 1. 2. 98. |
| A Regimental Order was issued requesting all officers of the R.C.A. to wear mourning for six weeks for Lieut A. F. March R.C.A. who was killed by accident at Kingston. | 12. 2. 98. |
| Captain A. T. Ogilvie 3rd ~~Fd~~ By C.A. was appointed Lieutenant in the R.C.A. & posted to "A" Field Battery Kingston | 7. 3. 98. |
| Authority was received from H.Q.rs. detailing Captain J. H. C. Ogilvy ~~to~~ to call for 30 N.C.Os & men to volunteer for service in the Yukon. Double the number required, volunteered, a strict medical examination was passed by those selected, Rates of pay for all ranks were to be doubled after leaving Vancouver. & those who had less than two years service were required to re engage before starting | 16. 3. 98. |

Promotions | G.O. 28.

Major + Bt Lt Col. J.F. Wilson is granted substantive rank of Lt Col from the 25th Feby 1898. | 16.3.98.

To be Major. Capt + Bt Major J.A.G. Hudon vice Wilson promoted 25.2.98.

To be Captain. ~~Lieut~~ + Bt Major J.A. Fages. vice Hudon promoted.

Lieut Lionel Bennett. Engineers Reserve. was appointed to the R.C.A. on 22.3.98. He was detailed for service with the Yukon Field Force. | 22.3.98.

Capt H.A. Panet R.C.A. proceeded to England for a course of instruction in Field Artillery &c. | 15.4.98

A detachment comprising 3 Officers & 95 N.C. Officers & Men of the R.C.A. paraded in Marching Order & entrained for Halifax Major Rutherford in Command. | 18.4.98.

This detachment was sent to Halifax for a course of training & instruction with the Imperial Troops, ~~who~~ & in exchange for 3 Officers & 95 N.C. Officers & Men of the Royal Artillery Hfax (19th Company) who arrived at Quebec on the 19th April under command of Captain Levita R.A.

The Bands of the 8th & 9th Battalions played the detachments to and from the place of embarkation

Capt + Bt Major J.A. Fages was transferred to Kingston, & Lt A.T. Ogilvie transferred from Kingston to Quebec

| Entry | Date |
|---|---|
| The Yukon Detachment of 2 Officers & 30. N.C Officers & Men left this Station & proceeded to Ottawa by G.T.R. They were played to the place of embarkation by the City Bands. & their departure was witnessed by thousands of people. The Detachment still remains on the strength of the Regiment. | 3. 5. 98. |
| A Salute of 21 Guns was fired from the Saluting Battery by the 19th Company R.A. on the occasion of H.M the Queen's Birthday | 24. 5. 98. |
| The date of Lt Col Wilsons promotion to substantive rank of Lt Col should read 15th July '97 instead of 25th Feby 1898. The appointment of Q. Master & Hon Major W. Milah will date from 1st July 1879 | 4. 6. 98. G.O.47. |
| The R.C.A was inspected by the G.O.C. Major General Gascoigne on the 16th inst. | 14 6. 98. |
| Lt Col J F Wilson proceeded to the Camp of Instruction Kingston as Camp Commandant returned on the 27th | 15. 6. 98. |
| A Salute of 21 Guns was fired on Dominion Day by the 19th Coy R.A. | 1. 7. 98. |
| The establishment of B. Field Battery for the year 98-99. was increased from 42 to 80. of all ranks. | |

A Detachment of 12 N.C.O's + Men of the 2nd Regt C.A. Montreal joined the R S A Q. for a Special Course of Instruction in the D.R.F. — 29. 7. 98

3 Officers + 69 N.C.O's + Men of the R.C.A. Draft to Halifax returned to this Station after an absence of 4 months. — 16. 8. 98.

3 Officers + 93 N.C. Officers + Men of the 19th Company R.A. left this station for Halifax N.S. They were tendered a Smoking Concert on the eve of their departure. + left highly delighted with their sojourn in Quebec

The following order was issued in R.A. Regl District Orders by the Colonel on the Staff. Commanding R.A. B.N. America dated August 13th 1898. — 17. 8. 98.

Detachment R.C.A.

On the departure of the detachment R.C.A. from this Station. The Colonel on the Staff Commdg R.A. B.N. America desires to express his satisfaction at the smart + soldierly manner in which they have carried on their duties while attached to his command. Their behaviour + appearance both on + off parade have been most creditable + they have made marked progress in Fort Manning + Fire discipline + drill with the heavier natures of guns. The practical result of their work as exemplified in the excellent ~~[illegible]~~ practice carried out from Fort McNab + York Redoubt, on the 4th + 10th inst have been most gratifying.

R.D.O.

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| A Guard of Honour was furnished & a Salute fired by the R.C.A. on the arrival at this station of Major General E.T.H. Hutton C.B. A.D.C. Commanding Mil of Canada. | 18. 8. 98. |
| Owing to the late hour of arrival of Steamer the Guard of Honour was dispensed with, by direction of the G.O.C | |
| Lieut. A.D. Ogilvie R.C.A. was transferred to A Field Battery from B. 7d By. on the 22nd inst | 18. 8. 98 |
| The annual Garrison Gun Practice was held at the Island of Orleans on the 22nd 23rd & 24th inst, under the supervision of Lt Col Wilson R.C.A. Camp Commandant. Detachments from Montreal & Cobourg took part. The Quebec & Levis Batteries did not fire this year. | |
| The following extract from A.G.O. $\frac{6831.8}{31.8.98}$ was published for general information. | 2. 9. 98. |
| I am desired to inform you that he has much gratification in noting the smart & soldierlike manner in which the detachment carried on their duties while under the command of the O.C. Royal Artillery Halifax. | |
| The Major General Commdg will have much pleasure in bringing the favourable report in question to the notice of the Hon. Minister of Militia. | |

The R.C.A. was inspected by the G.O.C. Major General E.T.H. Hutton on the 8th, 9th & 10th instant — 8. 9. 98

The R.C.A. furnished a Guard of Honour and fired a salute on the occasion of the unveiling of the Champlain Monument on Dufferin Terrace by His Ex. The Governor General — 21. 9. 98

A Guard of Honour was furnished by the R.C.A. at the Governor General's Quarters to receive Admiral Sir John Fisher, K.C.B. — 29. 9. 98

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The O.C.

Royal Canadian Artillery — 3. 10. 98

The Major General Commanding has been directed by His Excellency The Governor General and Commander in Chief to convey to the troops under your Command at the Church Parade this day His entire satisfaction at their soldierly bearing & fine appearance. It gave His Excellency extreme pleasure to have been present and having had the opportunity of taking part with them in Divine Worship today

By Order

(Sgd) A.C. Bell, Lt.

Scotts Guards.

A.D.C. to the G.O.C.

Canadian Troops.

Head Quarters

Quebec

Oct 2nd 1898.

Capt. H. A. Panet, having completed a Course of Instruction in Field Artillery in England rejoined the Regiment this day — 3. 10. 98

A Guard of Honour was furnished and a salute of 19 guns fired by the R.C.A. on the occasion of the visit of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, U.S.A. to Quebec. — 4. 10. 98

The Annual Matches of the R.C.A. Rifle Assn. were held at St. Joseph on 26th & 27th Oct. — 26. 10. 98

Mems from A.G. Re G.O.C. inspection. — 7. 11. 98
The folling is published for General information.

Head Qrs. Ottawa.
27th Oct. 1898

From A.G. to O.C. R.C.A. Quebec.

Folling for your information are remarks of the General Officer Commanding of his inspection of Capts 1 & 2, Garrison Artillery, Royal Canadian Artillery. The knowledge of all ranks in Gunnery and all the essentials of Artillery Science is below the requisite standard. This is in a large measure due to lack of opportunity. A regular system of annual training is to be carried out in future, and a School of Gunnery will be formed at an early date.

By Order.
(Sgd.) M. Aylmer. Col.
A.G.

In compliance with orders received from D.O.C. M.D. No. 7 the R.C.A. will furnish the folling Guards of Honour & Salutes.- | 9. 11. 98

(a) A Guard of Honour of 80 N.C.O's & Men under Command of Maj. J. A. G. Hudon on Friday 11th inst to receive His Exc. the Gov: Gen: at City Hall

(b) A Guard of Honour of 80 N.C.O's & men under Command of Maj. ~~Benson~~ will parade to Queen's wharf to receive His Exc: the Earl of Minto.

(c) A Captain's Escort of 18 N.C.O's & men to conduct His Exc: the Gov: Gen: to Parlement buildings

(d) A Salute of 21 guns will be fired from King's Bastion ~~upon~~ on the instalation of Earl of Minto as Gov: Gen: of Canada

(f) A Guard of Honour of 80 N.C.O's & Men will parade on 12th Inst: under Command of Maj. Rutherford to receive Earl of Aberdeen ~~at~~ at Breakwater wharf on the occasion of his Embarcation for England.

(g) A Salute of 21 Guns will be fired from King's Bastion on the Moment of the Earl of Aberdeen's Embarkation.

The above orders were complied with.

No. 2801 Gr. Corcoran, Yukon Force, late of No. 2 Coy. R.C.A. died on Sept. 26th 1898. | 11. 11. 98

The folling District Order was published for general information | 16. 11. 98

To Lieut. Col. Pelletier, Commanding No. 7 Mil: District

The Major General Commanding has received the commands of his Excellency the Governor General and Commander-in-Chief to convey to yourself, Lt-Colonel

Wilson, Commanding the Citadel, the Staff Officers, non-commissioned officers and men taking part in the proceedings at his Excellency's installation this day his satisfaction at the arrangements made and at the excellence of the turn out and appearance of the troops generally. The Major-General feels sure that the high expression of satisfaction on the part of his Excellency will be as gratifying to the Officers, non-coms and men of the Quebec garrison, as it is to himself.

By Order.
A.C. Bell, Capt.,
A.D.C. to the G.O.C.

Head-Qrs, Quebec, Nov. 12th 1898.

The follwg Officers & N.C.O's sail from Halifax on 15th inst for the purpose of taking a Long Course of Instruction with the Royal Artillery. — 8. 12. 98

Major R.W. Rutherford.
Capt. J.A. Benyon
No. 2785 Sergeant. F. Hebert. "B" Fd. By
" 2244 " S. Jordan " "
" 3078 " S. Weatherbie, No. 1 Coy
" 1408 " Pearson, "A" By.

The Annual Xmas and New Year's Dinners were held in the Gymnasium and "B" Fd. By barracks, which were decorated as usual. The C.O. & Officers, with their ladies & friends visited the men at Dinner time and wished them a merry Xmas. — 26. 12. 98

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| The Annual Xmas Tree for the Children of the R.C.A. was held in the Gymnasium, Citadel, on January 4th. The tree was decorated by the Officers wives & tea was served to the married women & children of the Regiment after the distribution of the presents. | 5. 1. 99 | |
| The R.C.A. furnished a Guard of Honour of 100 N.C.O's & men under Lt. Col. Farley & fired a Salute of 15 guns on the occasion of the opening of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec | 12. 1. 99 | |
| N.C.O's & men having great coats with cloth belts will not be required to wear buff belts when walking out in winter dress. | 25. 1. 99 | |
| A draft of 11 N.C.O's & men arrived from "A" Battery, Kingston, for "B" By. Q. & also two horses. | 28. 1. 99 | |
| Hospital Sergt. J. Adair, proceed to England for a Course of Instruction at Netley. Returning 27th May, 1899 | 7. 2. 99 | |
| Command<br>In accordance with instructions received from the G.O.C. (A.G.O. 78978) "B" Battery, Field Division, R.C.A. is under the immediate command of the O.C. Field Division, R.C.A. for all Regtl. discipline & routine & the O.C. "B" Battery will for the future be responsible to the O.C. Field Division, R.C.A. for all matters of discipline and interior economy, | 14. 2. 01 | A.G.O. 78978. |

being only under command of O.C. R.C.A.
Q. as forming a portion of the troops allotted to the Fortress at Quebec.

In accordance with M.O. No. 7. (2) of Feby. 8th, 1899 the band of the R.C.A. was re-organized. | 14. 2. 99

Patron, R.C.A. B.A.I.A. | 17. 4. 99

The following is published for General information

Earnscliffe, Ottawa, April, 11th 99.

To the Secretary R.C.A. Branch, A.D.A.

Sir

I am directed by Major General Hutton to acknowledge the receipt of your leaflet explanatory of the aim and objects of the A.D.A. and of your request on behalf of the Quebec Branch that the Major General should become a patron, I am desired to say that it will give the Major General extreme pleasure to become a patron of the Branch, and he wishes so worthy a subject all success.

I remain, yours faithfully.

(Sgd.) A.C. Bell, Capt.
A.D.C.

The following was published for General information in Regtl. Orders of 5th May, 99. | 5. 5. 99

Referring to enquiries from Head-Qtrs. relative to the qualifications of N.C.O's. R.C.A. Garr: Divn. to be classified as I. II. & III Class Instructors of Infantry, instructions to be given in the French language & a report sent by O.C. R.C.A. Garr: Divn. in reply. — The following is

published for general information.— | 5. 5. 99

Ottawa 29th April, 1899

C.S.O. To O.C. Garr: Divn. R.C.A.
Quebec.

In acknowledging your reply to letter of the 22d April respecting Non. Com. Officers available as Infantry Instructors for Camps of Instruction, I am to notify you that the Major General Commanding is much gratified with the result.

It affords him much gratification to note the excellent spirit & determination shown by N.C.O. Garr: Divn. R.C.A. to meet the spirit of the recent Militia Orders

By Order.
(Sgd) W. H. Cotton, Lt. Col.
A.A.G.A.
for. C.S.O.

Appointment R.C.A. | 20. 5. 99

M. G.O. 35. April, 1899

To be Lieutenant in Royal Canadian Artillery Lieut Frank D. Lafferty, Graduate R.M.C. Kingston, 1896, vice O.C.C. Pelletier seconded for Staff duty.

The usual salute of 21 guns was fired from the Saluting Battery on the occasion of H. M. the Queen's birthday. The band was in attendance | 25. 5. 99

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| The branch Canteen, R.C.A. at "B" Battery barracks was removed on 1st June, 1899 | R.D.O. 6 27. 5. 99 |
| The usual salute of 21 guns was fired from the King's Bastion on Dominion Day | 1. 7. 99 |
| The R.C.A. ~~C.D.~~ ~~was~~ inspected by Lt. Col. Stone Comdg. Com. Arty on 18th July, 1901 | 17. 7. 99 |
| The folling letter was published for general information.— | 20. 7. 99 |

City Hall
19th July, 99

Lt. Col. Wilson
Citadel of Quebec.

Dear Colonel

In the name of the suffers of last fire, and in my own. Let me thank you for your having put at our disposal your brave soldiers. Kindly extend my thanks to your Officers & men who worked so hard, and whose efforts have so much contributed preserve perhaps the whol St. Roch's Ward from entire destruction. I may tell you that the people whose properties have been guarded against the blaze are very grateful to you, your Officers & soldiers.

I have the honor to be
Dear Colonel
Yours faithfully.
S. N. Parent.

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| The Annual Garrison Gun Practice was held at the Island of Orleans for the R.C.A. & Militia Artillery on the 21st, 22nd 23rd & 25th inst under the supervision of Lt-Col. Stone, R.A. Comdg Can: Arty. | R.D.O. 3 17. 8. 99 |
| The establishments of No 1 & 2 Coys have been increased by 7 and 8 Gunners respectively. | 31. 8. 99 |
| The R.C.A. fired a salute of 15 guns and furnished a Guard of Honor of 50 rank & file on the occasion of the first Official visit of Admiral Sir John Bedford to His Ex: The Governor General. | R.D.O. 4 9. 9. 99 |
| Expression of thanks from H.E. The Govr: Genl. The Officer Commanding has much pleasure in making public, for the information of all ranks, the fact that His Excellency, the Governor General, had been pleased to express his entire satisfaction in the manner in which all ranks of the R.C. Artillery, Quebec have on all occasions performed their duties, when called upon in connection with service rendered to His Excellency, both Guards of Honour, Mounted Orderlies, sentries and Orderlies | R.D.O. 3. 25. 9. 99 |
| A detachment of 13 N.C.O's & men under the command of Capt. J.H.C. Ogilvy returned from the Yukon on the 24th inst. & reported for duty at the Citadel. | 25. 9. 99 |

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| A salute of 21 guns was fired by "B" Battery R.C.A. on the occasion of the departure of the first Canadian Contingent for South Africa | 28. | 10. | 99. |
| Capts. H. A. Panet & J. H. C. Ogilvy and Lieut F. D. Lafferty with 42 N.C.O's & Men having proceeded to South Africa with the first Canadian Contingent, were ordered to shewn "on Command" until further orders. | 31. | 10. | 99 |
| Extract, District Orders. | 3. | 11. | 99 |

Military District 7.
Quebec, 31st Oct. 99.

In compliance with instructions received from the G.O.C. the Militia of Canada, I am ordered to convey to M.D. Number 7. that His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to express his cordial satisfaction at the soldierly appearance and disciplined embarcation of our comrades and representation of the 2nd Special Service Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment, on Monday the 30th instant.

The General Officer Commanding also desires to express his congratulations to all concerned upon the conspicuous event in Canadian Military History.

By Order
Geo. Robt. White, Lt.-Col.
Act. D.O.C. M.D. 7.

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| "Royal Canadian Artillery - Lieut & Bvt. Capt. L. G. Bennett resigns his commission. 15th Nov./99" | R.O. (2). 29.11.99<br>G.O. 116. Nov/99. |

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| The usual Christmas Dinner was held in Citadel & "B" Battery barracks. The O.C. attended by all the Officers & their ladies went round at dinner time and wished the men a merry Xmas. | 26. | 12. | 99 |
| The Annual Xmas tree and tea for the families of the married N.C.O's & men of the R.C.A. & R.C.R.I. was held in No. 2 Coy. Dinning-room on 28th inst | 29. | 12. | 99. |
| Capt. H.C. Thacker, having proceeded of South Africa with the Brigade Division, Field Artillery Special Service Force will be shewn on Command until further orders | R.O. (H). 3. | 1. | 00 |
| Thirteen N.C.O's & men of the R.C.A. proceeded to South Africa with the Brigade Division, Field Artillery, R.C.A. | 4. | 1. | 00 |
| The R.C.A. Garrison Divn. fired a salute of 15 guns on the occasion of the opening of the Parliment of the Province of Quebec, Jan 18th | 19. | 1. | 00 |
| The R.C.A. & R.C.R.I. under command of Lt. Col A. A. Farley paraded to the English Cathedral for Divine Service with the Special Service Force, Field Artillery, on Sunday 14th inst | 15. | 1. | 00 |
| All ranks of the R.C.A. were invited by the Mayor of Quebec to be present at the Drill Hall on the presentation of the Citizens Farewell Address 2nd Contingent proceeding to South Africa on Special Service | 15. | 1. | 00 |

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| The undermentioned N.C.O's have been granted certificates of qualification from the School of Gunnery, Shoeburyness, bearing date 22nd December, 1899. | 31. | 1. | 00 |
| The following Militia Order (No. 35. (3)) was published for information:- "The Officer Commanding 2nd (Special Service) "Battalion, Royal Can. Regt., has reported "the death, on the 11th inst, of No. 3264 Private "J. J. Purcell, (Royal Canadian Artillery) "from enteric fever. Gr. Purcell's name to be struck off the supernumerary list from that date. | R. O. (2) 14. | 2. | 00. |
| In compliance with M.O. 35 (5), 1900. Lt. Col. J. F. Wilson took over the temporary command of M.D. No. 7. | 28. | 2. | 00 |
| The following men of the Garr. Divn. R.C.A. on Special Service in South Africa were wounded at Paardeberg on the 18th & 20th ult. No. 3115 Private E. Baugh; " 2206 " J. Kingwell; " 2500 Bomr. L. Power; both of "B" Coy. 2nd (S.S.) Batt. R.C.R. | 3. | 3. | 00 |
| No. 7869 Corpl. B. Withey of the Field Divn. R.C.A. on Special Service in South Africa was killed in action at Paardeberg on Tuesday the 27th ultimo. & the following Officer & N.C.O's wounded. Major O. C. C. Pelletier. (R.C.A.); No. 7871 Corpl. R. D. McDonald (F.D. R.C.A.); " 7868 Sergt. W. Peppeatt " " | 5. | 3. | 00 |

R. C. A. Band. R. O. (3)

(a) The following establishment and extra pay for the R.C.A. Band — 17. 4. 00

1 Bandmaster $543.75 per annum.
2 Sergts 25 cents per diem
1 Corpl. 15 " " "
1 Bombardier 15 " " "
22 Gunners 10 " " "

(b) The rates opposite the several ranks may be paid as extra renumeration, and to be drawn on ordinary pay-list.

(c) The several ranks are not for the present to be in excess of the establishment 1899.-1900

A Garrison Artillery Specialist Certificate has been awarded to No. 3078 Sergt. S. S. Weatherbie, R.C.A., at Golden Hill Fort, Isle of Wight. The N.C.Officer is qualified to act as Instructor in P.F. and A.R.F. (M.O. 95. (3)) — 28. 4. 00

No. 3364 Gr. J. Defoe, S.D./R.C.A. on Special Service in South Africa was killed in action at Black-mountain on 25th ultimo. Gr Defoe's name was struck off the supernumerary list of the S.D./R.C.A. from above date. — 1. 5. 00

No. 3217 Gr. E. Armstrong, S.D./R.C.A. serving in "A" Company of the 2nd (S.D.) Batt. R.C.R. in South Africa was wounded in action on 10th instant — 14. 5. 00

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| Appointments, Promotions, and Retirements | G.O. 41. 1900 | | |
| "Major R. W. Rutherford, R.C.A. is granted "the Brevet rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. "under ¶ 54, Part I, R&O. 1898. 8th Jan. 1899 | | | |
| Capt & Bvt Major V. B. Rivers, R.C.A. is granted the Bvt rank of Lieut-Colonel | | | |
| The retirement of Quarter-Master & Honorary Major W. E. Imlah, R.C.A. takes effect 23rd June, 1902 | | | |
| Lieut-Col. C. C. Sewell, A.M.S. is appointed Principal Medical Officer on Military Dist. No 7 | | | |
| Bvt Major T. Benson, R.C.A. is granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while in command of Military Dist. No 11. | | | |
| A salute of 21 guns was fired from the saluting battery on the occasion of the birthday of H. M. the Queen, the band was in attendance and played the National anthem | 25. | 5. | 00 |
| No 3393 Gr. Joseph Wheatley, G.D./R.C.A. having died on 18th inst, was burried with military honors. | 18. | 6. | 00 |
| The R.C.A. fired a salute of 21 guns on "Dominion Day" The band was in attendance and played the National Anthem, and the day was observed as a holiday | 2. | 7. | 00 |
| The remainder of the Yukon detachment arrived at Quebec & reported for duty at the Citadel on 13th inst and were struck off Command. | 13. | 7. | 00 |

The R.C.A. paraded "as strong as possible" in review order, with the band R.C.A. to welcome returning invalided soldiers returning from South Africa. — R.O. (9) 13. 7. 00

No. 3078 Sergt. S.S. Weatherbie, No. 1. Coy. S.D./R.C.A. was awarded a certificate in Elecricity & Position Finding at Ordnance College, Woolwich. — M.O. 154. (6) 17. 7. 00

The Annual Gun Practice for the R.C.A. & Militia Artillery was held at Island of Orleans from the 21th. to the 25th. August. — 25. 7. 00

A Salute of 13 guns was fired from the saluting battery, King's Bastion, on the arrival at this station of the Genl. Officer Comdg. Canadian Militia Maj. Genl. O'Grady, Haly. — 3. 9. 00

Four 5" B.L. Howitzers were issued to the R.C.A. Sergt. Instrs. & Coy. Sgt. Majors are expected to make themselves aquainted with the the drill of this armament. — 26. 9. 00

A following party "as strong as possible" paraded at 9. a.m. 29. 9. 00. under the Command of Capt. G.W.L. Moore, 4th. Regt. C.A. to attend the funeral of the late Hon. F.G. Marchand, Premier of the Province of Quebec. — 29. 9. 00

The annual Musketry practice was held at Ranges St. Josephs de Levis on 3rd. & 6th. inst. — 1. 10. 00

The following N.C.O's have been granted Canadian Military Rifle League badges as under:— — 3. 10. 00

No. 2007 Sgt. W. Pugh, No. 1. Coy. Special badge for highest score
" 2360 Corpl. J. McNamee, No. 2. Coy. Marksmans badge for average score of 93

Complimentary | R.O. (4) 31. 10. 00

The Commandant takes this opportunity to bring before the of all Ranks that the Royal Canadian Artillery is about to sustain a serious loss in its personnel, in the retirement of Regt'l. Sgt. Major Lyndon. After twenty-nine years service in the Canadian Militia, all of which has been done in the R.C.A. and none of it under the rank of a Staff Sergeant, this admirable & highly respected W.O. takes his discharge under the age limit.

Officers & N.C.O's throughout the country will learn with regret that this very deserving N.C.O. has severed his connection with the Militia, as a great many of the senior ones now serving, especially in the Artillery Arm began soldiering under his instruction.

The O.C. R.C.G.A. takes this opportunity to publicly thank Regt'l. Sergt. Major Lynden for the hearty & willing assistance he has always shown in his work, no matter what he was called on to perform

In saying good-by to this W.O. whose uniform conduct has been an example of the highest standard of discipline & solderly bearing, the Commandant wishes him & his family Godspeed in his future path through life

In accordance with instructions contained in A.G.O. $\frac{94633}{23.11.00}$, No. 191 Sergt. Inst. J. S. Bridgeford R.C.G.A. is appointed Regt'l. Sgt. Major of the R.C.G.A. to date from 1st inst with rank of Warrant Officer | 24. 11. 00

The Annual Xmas dinner was held in Citadel Barracks on Xmas Day. The Commandant accompanied by the Officers visited the men at dinner time. — 25. 12. 00

The R.C.G.A. with band paraded "as strong as possible" at 1.30 P.M. on 25th inst to welcome home the remainder of the 2nd S.S. Battn R.C.R. — 25. 12. 00

The draft R.C.A. which proceeded to South Africa with the 2nd S.S. Battn R.C.R. having reported at the Citadel yesterday, 26th inst were taken on the strength from that date. — 26. 12. 00

The R.C.G.A. paraded as "strong as possible" at 9.00 A.M. the 12th inst to furnish the firing party of 100 men for the funeral of the late Capt. Sutton Royal Canadian Dragoons. Capt. F.W.L. Moore was in Command of the party. — 13. 1. 01

The N.C.Os & men R.C.A. who proceeded to South Africa with "E" Battery. R.C.A. (S.S.) F.D. having returned to this station are taken on the strength from 10th inst — 13. 1. 01

Demise of Her Majesty the Queen. — M.O. 18/1901

The folling arrangements will be carried out in consequence of the lamented demise of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Victoria, By the Grace of God, of Great Britain & Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith — Empress of India. — 25. 1. 01

Bands.

Until further orders, the mourning prescribed by regulations will be worn, and in addition

Cancelled

Bands
Until further orders Bands will not play nor Drums beat, and all Drums & Bugle cords, will be covered with crape, or other black material.

Mourning.
Until further orders the mourning prescribed by regulations will be worn, and in addition, Officers will wear their Sword Knots and Sword Hilts, Helmet plates, Cap badges, Pouch & Sabretache ornaments, sashes and Dress shoulder belts covered with crape or other black material. Black gloves will be worn

Horse furniture
Mounted Officers will cause the Brow bands of their bridles to be covered with black
Medals & Decorations worn in full dress and the ribbons by which they are suspended will be covered with crape & also the undress bar.

In conformity with the instructions contained in M. O. No. 23.(2) of the 28th inst the R.C.A. were paraded at 9.30 AM. on Saturday the 2nd Feby. for the purpose of attending a Memorial Service in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in memory of Her late Most Gracious Majesty. The R.C.A. Band paraded with instruments Drums & instruments were draped with crape. The Dress for this parade was Review Order.

M. O. 23.(2)
31. 1. 01

In accordance with M.O. Nos $\frac{18(2)}{22.1.01}$ & $\frac{23(3)}{28.1.01}$ a Salute of 101 minute guns was fired from the Saluting battery, Kings Bastion, on Saturday the 2nd inst at 11.30 A.M. The salute being timed so as to coinside with the funeral of Her Majesty. — 31. 1. 01

A Guard of Honour was furnished and a salute fired by the R.C.A. on the occasion of the opening of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec — 13. 2. 01

Guard — 27. 2. 01

In compliance with orders received from Head-quarters A.G.O. $\frac{96972}{22.2.01}$ a guard will in future be mounted at the main entrance of the Citadel, for duty at the Fortress, to consist of 1 N.C.O. 1 trumpeter or bugler and 3 Gunners or Privates and will be furnished by the Garr: Divn R.C.A. and No 5. Regtl Depot R.C.R.I. respectively. The R.C.A. (Garr: Divn) will furnish the guard during five days consecutively in each week, and the R.C.R.I. will furnish it during two days consecutively in each week namely Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

General Order — 23. 3. 01

Extract from G.O. 25 1st March, 1901

Royal Canadian Artillery.— To be seconded, Capt & Bvt. Lt. Col. V. B. Rivers on appointment to the Head-Quarters Staff — 6th Feby, 1901.

In accordance with the above order Capt. & Bvt. Lt. Col. V. B. Rivers ceased to be shewn on the parade state of the R.C.A.

Sergt. S. S. Weatherbie was granted a 1st Class Master Gunners Certificate at the Royal Ordnance College, Woolwich, Eng. | 28. 3. 01

The Genl. Officer Commanding expressed himself in Militia Orders as highly pleased with the marks obtained by Sgt. Weatherbie in this very difficult examination.

R.O.

Mentioned in Despatches | 29. 3. 01.

The O.C. Citadel takes this opportunity of notifying all ranks that in the "The Gazette" of the 16th Feby, 1901. that in the report of Maj-Genl. H. Smith-Dorien, Comdg 19th Infantry Brigade the name of No. 2755 Gunner John Kennedy, R.C.A. appears as being mentioned for conspicuous gallentry in the field with the Troops in South Africa, in the engagement at Paardeberg - The Commandant feels exceedingly gratified at this mark of distinction having been received by one of his Command.

Honorary Colonel. R.C.A. | 6. 4. 01

The folling letter was received from ~~Field Marshal~~ Lord Roberts and the O.C. is sure that all ranks of the R.C.A. will appreciate the honor that has been conferred upon the Regiment by Lord Roberts consenting to become its Honorary Colonel.

From Lord Roberts to Lord Minto

War Office
London S.W.
12th March, 1901

My Dear Lord Minto

I have received your Excellency's letter of the 16th February, forwarding me the inclousers from General O'Grady Haly and the

senior Lt. Col. serving with the Royal Canadian Artillery asking me to accept the Honorary Colonelcy of the Regiment.

I beg that your Excellency will convey to General O'Grady Haly and through him to the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers & men of the Royal Canadian Artillery my high appreciation of the honor which has been cofered upon me, and say that I gladly avail myself of the privilege which has been confered upon me

I might add that I feel proud to be associated in so close a tie with a Regiment which has already served under my Command, and which rendered so excellent an account of itself in South Africa

Believe me.

Yours very sincerely

(Sgd) Roberts

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| Capt & Bvt Lt. Col. J. A. Fages was transferred from the Field Division, Kingston, to the Garrison Divn Quebec from this date. | M.O. 75. (3)<br>9. 4. 01 |
| Promotion<br>To be Captain<br>Lieut & Bvt Capt. H.C. Thacker, vice Burstall, seconded 1st March 1901. | G.O. 30.<br>22. 4. 01 |
| The Band, R.C.A. have been equipped with a complete new set of instruments purchased by the Government from Boosey & Co. London, Eng | 2. 5. 01 |

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| Adjutant, Garrison Division, R.C.A. | M.O. 100 |
| Appointment, Adjutant, R.C.A. - Capt. H. C. Thacker, R.C.A. is appointed Adjutant of the Garrison Division R.C.A., vice Benson, from 21st March, 1901 | 2. 5. 01 |
| Militia Order<br>M.O. 111 (5) 15-5-01 is published for information.<br>The following transfer will take place from 1st June next -<br>Lieut & Capt J. E. L. Duplessis from Garrison Div to Field Div<br>Lt & Capt J. A. Benyon from Field Div. to Garr Div. | 25-5-01 |
| The Annual training commenced this day 1st June | 1-6-01 |
| Sgt Instr Hebert proceeded to Charlottetown to act as Gunnery Instructor to No 4 Reg. C.A. | 7-6-01 |
| Lt Col Rutherford was ordered to proceed to Head Quarters on temporary Duty to be shown on command | 12-6-01 |
| Seconded<br>Major J H C Ogilvy D.S.O. is Seconded for duty with the Imperial Forces is struck off the strength of R.C.G.A. A.G.O. | 17-6-01<br><br>9495 / 25-5-01 |

25-6-01

General Order
The Royal Canadian Artillery, at Present designated Royal Canadian Artillery (Field Div.) + Royal Canadian Artillery (Garrison Division) will hereafter be known + designated as Royal Canadian Field Artillery + Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery

G.O. 71
6th June 01

29-6-01

General Inspection
The Maj Gen Comdg inspected the R.C.G.A. this day in drill order (with Helmets) The Battalion parade was formed at 8 45 am

18-7-01

The Annual Picnic was held yesterday July 17th + was observed as an holiday Tickets were issued to the men for transport to St Joseph's where the Picnic was held.

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Regimental Sports
The Annual Regimental Sports were held yesterday 8th Aug on the Plains of Abraham the programme of last year was adhered to

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| A Salute of 60 Minute Guns. was fired this day. being the day of the Funeral of H.R.H. the late ~~Princess~~ Empress. Frederick of Germany. | 13-8-01. |
| The G.O.C. inspected the Books etc yesterday | 17-8-01. |
| The Troops marched into Camp. at I of O. for annual Gun Practice ~~&c~~. | 17-8-01 |
| In accordance with M.O. 200/01 the R.C.G.A. fired the following Salutes on the occasion of the Visit of His Royal Highness The Duke of Cornwall & York.<br>On Monday the 16th inst<br>21 Guns as the H.M.S. Ophir arrives<br>19. Guns H.E. The Gov-Gen leaves the Kings wharf.<br>21. Guns H.R.H. lands at Kings Wharf.<br>On Tuesday the 17th inst<br>21 Guns as H.R.H. left Citadel for Review.<br>21 Guns H.R.H. Review<br>on Wednesday 18th inst<br>21 Guns as H.R.H. left Quebec.<br>19 .. .. H.E. The Gov-Gen left Quebec. | 19-9-01 |
| Royal Guard.<br>The R.C.G.A. Furnished a Guard on the Residence of. (over) | |

H.R.H. The Duke of Cornwall + York. from 11 A.M. the 16th inst. until the 18th inst.

The R.C.G.A. Paraded yesterday, Band with Instruments to take part in the Royal Review | 19-9-01.

Medals were distributed by H.R.H. The Duke of Cornwall + York. yesterday to all officers, N.C.O. + Men of Quebec Garrison. who served in South Africa 1899-1900.

Officers Exchange. | 17-10-01

An Exchange between Lt + Bt. Capt. A T Ogilvie R C F A + Lt. F. D. Lafferty R.C.G.A. has been sanctioned A.G.O. 3210/01.

Salute Kings Birthday | 10-11-01

A Royal Salute was fired by the R.C.G.A. yesterday being the Kings Birthday, + the day was observed as a Holiday

Salute Queens Birthday | 1-12-01.

A Royal Salute was fired this day by the R.C.G.A. on the Occasion of Queen Alexandria's birthday

The undermentioned N.C.O.s & men having proceeded to South Africa with 2nd Can Mounted Rifles were shown on Command. | 14-12-01.

No. 2785 Sgt-Inst Hebert-
.. 2828 Sergt- J Mooney.
.. 3229 Corpl J Morrison
.. 3366 Gr J Mahoney.

Xmas Holidays | 24-12-01.

The Xmas Holidays commenced on the 23rd inst- There will be no parades except- Guard Mounting. Fatigues will be detailed as required

Death in Action | 24-12-01

Maj J H. C. Ogilvie D.S.O. Seconded for Service with the South African Constabulary, died on 19th Dec/01 from wounds received in Action in the vicinity of Pretoria S.A.

The usual Annual Xmas tree & Tea for the Children of R.C.G.A. took place this evening at- the Gymnasium | 30-12-01.

The R C G A fired a salute of 15 Guns on the occasion of the opening of the 2nd Session of 10th Legislation. | 13-1-02.

Lieut-Chas Lavie Departure | 17-4-02.

The Commandant wishes to notify all Ranks, that the General Officer Commanding has seen fit to recognize the long & faithful services of Lieut. Chas Lavie in recommending him for a commission in the 4th C.M.R. which has been approved by the Hon the Minister of Militia & Defence.

The Commandant takes this opportunity to thank Lieut-C Lavie for his long & Loyal service, rendered to the Royal Canadian Artillery, in which Regiment he held the position of Master Gunner for so many years

The Commandant & his Officers wish Lieut Lavie "Bon Voyage" to the scene of his new services & they feel confident that where hardships are to be borne & services rendered, no one will respond more to the credit of King & Empire, than Lieut-Lavie.

Royal Canadian Artillery | G O 37./02.

Lieut-Col R W Rutherford is seconded while holding the appointment of Assistant-Adjutant General for Artillery at Hd Qrs.

The Annual training of the RCGA commences to-day | 15-5-02

Coronation Contingent 29-5-02.
The undermentioned Officer N.C.O.s
+ men having proceeded this
day to join the Coronation Contg.
will be shown on Command until
further orders.

Capt. J A Bengan
Coy S.M. F Rainbault
Corpl S. Adams.
" H Lyndon
Gr. Fecteau
" Herman
" A Adair
" Wright
" Jordan

Peace having been proclaimed 2-6-02.
in South Africa the R.C.G.A.
will parade at 11-45. a m this
day. A salute will be fired
of 21 guns. the Royal Standard
will be flown at the Kings
Bastion

The retirement of Quarter Master G O 46/02.
+ Hony Major W Imlah will take
effect from 23rd June 1904.
To be Capt. Lieut + Bt Capt
J A Bengan, Vice Thacker.
appointed Adjutant R.C.G.A.
22 March 1901

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| The R.C.G.A. will fire a salute of 13 guns on the departure of Maj General O'Grady Haly. DSO. Cmdg Can Militia of Canada. | 14-6-02. |
| Dominion Day. A salute of 21 guns was fired this day. & was observed as a holiday | 1-7-02. |
| Increase of Establishment R.C.G.A. 1 Major. 2. Sergt Instructor 2 Sergeants & 5 Men. | M.O. 140(5) |
| The R.C.G.A. commenced their annual musketry. | 14.7-02. |
| Coronation Day. The R.C.G.A. fired a salute of 21 guns. in honour of. His Majesty's Coronation | 9-8-02. |
| Long Course Shoeburyness. Capt H C Thacker. No 3230 Sergt Instr Hession .. 3395 Sergt J Smith having proceeded to England. for a Long Course of Instruction will be shown "on Command" | 18-12-02. |
| The annual Christmas tree & tea took place to day in the gymnasium. | 30-12-02. |

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| Capt. A T Ogilvie is appointed adjutant of the R.C.G.A. | M.O.I. 03 |
| All calls are to be sounded on the Bugle. Trumpets are to be returned to Qr Master stores | 5 - 5 - 03. |
| Manoeuvres<br>The R.C.G.A. paraded this day. to assist in the Military Manoeuvres. held on the heights of Levis in the vicinity of the Forts. Signallers were on the Mauns Bastion, & held communication with the defence forces in the Forts Levis | 21 - 5 - 03. |
| Warrant Rank.<br>The dates of Warrants of M.G. Weatherbie & Regtl S.M. Fellows. are from 16th April/02 & 30th Dec/02 respectively | M O 188.R 114./03. |
| The Annual musketry commenced this day. | 2 - 7 - 03. |
| To be Lieut R.C.A.<br>Lieut W B Anderson from the 1st Regt. C.A. vice W T Miller retired 2nd March/03 | G.O. 84/03. |
| Qr Master Sergt Instructor Sutherland proceeded this day to Charlottetown P.E.I. to act as Instr to 4th Regt C.A. | 19 - 7 - 03. |

Dominion Day. | 1st July/03
To day. was observed as a holiday a Salute of 21 Guns was fired from the Kings Bastion

Salute. | 21 - 8 - 03.
The R.C.G.A. fired a Salute of 19 Guns on the Arrival of the Gov-Gen. of Canada in Quebec.

Musketry Course Ottawa
Lt. W B Anderson. Sergt. Instr. Lyndon. Cpl. Duncan. Getty. Cpl Chevrier + Wood proceeded to Ottawa this date for course of musketry | 8 - 9 - 03.

G O. 137/03

ARTILLERY.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY.—To be Lieutenant: C. S. Wilkie, Esquire, late Captain 10th Regiment "Royal Grenadiers," *vice* H. A. Panet, promoted. 14th August, 1903.

To be Lieutenants, provisionally: S. A. Heward, Esquire, late Captain 10th Regiment "Royal Grenadiers," *vice* J. E. L. DuPlessis, promoted; J. E. Mills, Gentleman, late Lieutenant 1st Brigade Canadian Artillery, *vice* D. I. V. Eaton, promoted; E. Clairmonte, Gentleman, late Lieutenant 1st "Halifax" Regiment, C.A., *vice* A. T. Ogilvie, promoted; L. A. G. O. Roy, Esquire, late Captain 1st Field Battery, C.A., *vice* J. N. S. Leslie, promoted. 14th August, 1903.

G O - 149/03.

ARTILLERY.

ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY.—With reference to General Order 137, of August, 1903, the appointment of Lieutenant C. S. Wilkie, will date from 23rd May, 1903, instead of as therein stated.

The R C G A Annual Rifle association Matches were held this date. | 23 - 9 - 03.

Kings Birthday | 9 - 11 - 03.
A Royal Salute was fired today. in honour of H M King Edward VII birthday The day was observed as a holiday

Extract from G.O. 158. 23rd Oct./03. — 30-11-03.
Ordnance Stores Corps.
To be Lieut.
Master Gunner S.S. Weatherbie
from the R.C.A.
The O.C. Forces takes this
opportunity of congratulating Lieut.
S.S. Weatherbie O.S.C. on his
promotion + desires to place on.
record his thorough appreciation of the services
rendered by this Officer, as.
Master Gunner R.C.G.A. The
recognition by the Government
of Lieut. Weatherbie's services by
promoting him from Warrant
Rank, to Commissioned Rank.
is an incentive to all N.C.O.s
+ Men of the R.C.G.A. to work
for a similar recognition

Transferred. — 5-12-03.
Lieut. S.S. Weatherbie having
been transferred to the O.S.C.
from the R.C.G.A. is struck
of the strength this date.
No 1983. Q.M. Sgt. Wood. + No.
1322. Sergt. T Pugh. having
been transferred to O.S. Corps.
are struck of the Strength
of the R.C.G.A. from this
date